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SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A. D. 1882.

HARRISBURG, PA., *October* 19, 1882.

The Synod of Pennsylvania, as constituted by the General Assembly of 1881, met, according to its direction, in the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on Thursday afternoon, October 19, 1882, at three o'clock.

The Rev. Henry S. Butler, of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, having been appointed by the General Assembly to open the Synod and to preside until a moderator be elected, preached a sermon from Matthew 9 : 36–38 : "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

After the sermon, the moderator called the Synod to order, and constituted it with prayer.

Under the direction of the General Assembly, the moderator appointed as clerks, to act until the organization of the Synod shall be perfected, the stated clerks of the late Synods of Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, viz : the Rev. Samuel J. M. Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., the Rev. Willard M. Rice, D. D., and the Rev. Henry Woods, D. D.

The roll was called, and is as follows :

ROLL OF THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I. Presbytery of Allegheny.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
William M. Robinson, ...		Allegheny Prov.
Elliott E. Swift, D. D., . .	R. B. Mowry, ...	Allegheny, First.
James Allison, D. D.		

Thomas Johnson,	James Grubbs,	Bull Creek.
		Pine Creek.
James M. Shields,	Andrew McPherrin,	Millvale.
John Launitz,		Allegheny, First German.
Whiting C. Burchard,	S. P. Harbison,	Allegheny Valley.
James T. Patterson,	R. Barclay,	New Salem.
Walter W. Ralston,		Bridgewater.
William G. Stewart,		Bakerstown.
Joseph T. Gibson,		Sharpsburg.
David J. Satterfield,	William Hunter,	Beaver.
Maurice B. Wilson,		Emsworth.

Ministers Absent.

Finlay W. McNaughten.	
Joseph S. Travelli.	
Daniel E. Nevin.	
Cyrus C. Riggs, D. D.	
William H. Hornblower, D. D.	
George W. Shaiffer.	
John Davis.	
Isaac N. Hays,	Allegheny Central.
Joseph B. Bittinger, D. D.,	Sewickley.
Martin L. Wortman,	Hilands.
Benjamin O. Jenkin,	Fairmount.
	Pleasant Hill.
George Scott,	Concord.
Oscar A. Hills, D. D.	
Gilbert M. Potter,	Springdale.
	Plains.
Samuel H. Holliday,	Bellevue.
John L. Fulton,	Allegheny, Second.
John L. Milligan.	
Sylvanus Sayre.	
Robert S. Van Cleve,	Leetsdale.
Samuel P. Herron.	
Edward P. Hawes,	Glenfield.
Robert B. Porter,	Freedom.
Benjamin B. Warfield, D. D.	
	Tarentum.
	Natrona.
	Allegheny, Bethel.
	Industry.
	Glasgow.
	Pinegrove.
	Pine Creek, First.
	Rochester.
	Cross-Roads.
	Hoboken.
	Allegheny, School Street.
	North.

II. Presbytery of Blairsville.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
John Kerr,		Laird.
George Hill, D. D.,		Blairsville.
F. Leroy Lenour,		New Alexandria.
James Kirk.		
Daniel W. Townsend,		Unity.
John P. Kennedy.		
William W. Moorhead,	D. W. Shryock,	Greensburg.
Thompson R. Ewing.		
Thomas B. Anderson,		Latrobe.
Jacob L. Thompson,	J. M. Stout,	New Salem.
E. G. McKinley,		Ligonier.
William S. Miller,		Buelah.
Edgar S. Robinson,	James Buchanan,	Congruity.
John I. Blackburn,		Murraysville.
Albert J. Duff.		
B. F. Boyle.		
Robert McCaslin,		Ebensburg.

Ministers Absent.

James Davis.		
Wilson M. Donaldson,		Fairfield.
	J. C. Farrar,	Union.
William F. Kean.		
John W. Walker.		
John M. Jones,		Pine Run.
David M. Miller,		Johnstown.
James S. Woodburn,		Livermore.
		Black Lick.
Henry Bain,		Poke Run.
J. M Hamilton,		Plum Creek.
William B. Carr.		
E. Fletcher Hyde,		Cross-Roads.
David R. McCaslin,		Salem.
		Derry.
Samuel C. Peoples.		
	J. F. McWilliams,	Manor.
		Harrison City.
	Louis Marchance,	Irwin.
		Braddock.
		Parnassus.
		Armagh.
		Pleasant Grove.
		Centreville.
		Chester Springs.
		Conemaugh.
		Verona.

III. Presbytery of Butler.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
I. D. Decker,		Fairview.
		Karns City.
		Petrolia.
George W. Bean,		Sunbury.
August Reibert,		Jefferson Centre.
		Allegheny.
Ministers Absent.		
Robert B. Walker, D. D.,		Portersville.
Ephraim Ogden,		Middlesex.
		Summit.
Samuel Williams,		Muddy Creek.
		Unionville.
Jonathan R. Coulter,		Scrubgrass.
William T. Wylie.		
James H. Marshall,		Concord.
		North Butler.
Charles H. McClellan.		
Samuel L. Johnson.		
William J. McConkey,		Centre.
		Pine Grove.
Samuel M. Glenn,		Clintonville.
John S. Atkinson,		Buffalo.
		Westminister.
Thomas M. Thompson,		Martinsburg.
		New Salem.
		North Washington.
James H. Wright,		Centreville.
		North Liberty.
John W. Fulton,		Harrisville.
		Amity.
		Mount Nebo.
		Zelienople.
		Plain Grove.
		New Hope.
		Pleasant Valley.
		Harlansburg.
		Butler.

IV. Presbytery of Carlisle.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Robert McCachran.		
Conway P. Wing, D. D.		
Joseph Mahon.		
John R. Agnew.		
Joseph A. Murray, D. D.		

J. A. Crawford, D. D.,	William G. Reed,	Chambersburg, Falling Springs.
Ebenezer Erskine, D. D.,	D. D. G. Duncan,	Big Spring.
James F. Kennedy, D. D.,	Robert F. McElroy,	Fayetteville.
George Elliott,		McConnellsburg.
		Green Hill.
		Wells' Valley.
William A. West,	William Jones,	Harrisburg, Westminster.
Thos. H. Robinson, D. D.,	Alexander Sloan,	Harrisburg, Market Sq.
J. Smith Gordon,	John H. Walker,	Lower Path Valley.
		Burnt Cabins.
Joseph Vance,	John Irvine,	Carlisle, First.
John C. Caldwell, D. D.,	John Cree,	Chambersburg, Central.
George Norcross, D. D.,	Joseph A. Stewart,	Carlisle, Second.
William S. Vancleve,		Lower Marsh Creek.
		Great Conewago.
Samuel W. Reigart,	C. B. Niesley,	Mechanicsburg.
George S. Chambers,	Francis Wyeth,	Harrisburg, Pine Street.
Charles A. Wyeth,		Harrisburg, Seventh St.
Richard Arthur.		
Joseph H. Fleming,		Robt. Kennedy Memorial.
James H. Stewart,	William McCrory,	Greencastle.
William A. McCarrell.	John Bridges,	Shippensburg.
William H. Logan,		Millerstown, Newport.
Samuel S. Wylie,	A. M. Clark,	Middle Spring.
Robert F. McClean,	Dr. William Graydon,	Dauphin.
George M. Bonner,	Thomas J. Miller,	Harrisburg, Elder Street.
Thomas J. Ferguson,		Silvers' Spring.
Thomas C. McCarrell,	Joseph Price,	Waynesboro'.
James W. Gilland,	S. L. Shull,	Duncannon.
William G. McDannold,	D. H. Bucher,	Middletown.
	William T. Brandon,	Petersburg.
	John T. Green,	Dickinson.
	Samuel Liggett,	Buffalo.
	J. B. Rutherford,	Paxton.

Ministers absent.

Alexander K. Nelson.		
James J. Hamilton.		
Cornelius R. Lane.		
Edwin Emerson.		
Henry Rinker.		
R. Lewis McCune.		
William B. Craig.		
Samuel C. George,		St. Thomas.
		Rocky Spring.
Samuel C. Alexander,		Upper P. Valley.
George Robinson.		
John K. Demarest,	R. G. McCreary,	Gettysburg.
John Edgar,	William Willis,	Bloomfield.
W. N. Geddes.		

William W. Downey.		
O. M. Green.		
H. G. Mendenhall,		Mercersburg.
		Landisburg.
		Shermansdale.
		Upper.
		Centre.
		Warfordsburg.
		Buck Valley.
		Derry.

V. Presbytery of Chester.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Samuel Dickey.		
Edward Webb.		
Wm. R. Bingham, D. D.,	Z. Lamborn,	Avondale.
John K. Andrews,		Faggs Manor.
William Y. Brown,		Darby Borough.
Thomas McCaulay,	B. F. Beatty,	Chester, Second.
Orr Lawson,		Oxford, First.
James A. Marshall.	John A. Parke,	Upper Octorara.
Philip H. Mowry, D. D.,	John F. Vanleer, Jr.,	Chester, First.
Francis J. Collier,		Downingtown, Central.
James Roberts,	A. D. Harlan,	Coatesville.
Lindley C. Rutter,		Nottingham.
John B. Rendall.		
Nathaniel P. Crouse,		Phœnixville, First.
	James Buyers,	Honey Brook.
	Henry Riddle,	Glen Riddle.
	John Fetter,	Great Valley.

Ministers absent.

James M. Davis.		
Robert P. DuBois.		
Samuel Fulton.		
John M. Hastings, D. D.		
Matthew B. Grier, D. D.,		Ridley Park.
Thomas W. Cattell.		
Augustus T. Dobson.		
Edwin R. Bower, D. D.		
William F. P. Noble.		
Joseph Smith.		
Gilbert S. Woodhull, D. D.		
Benjamin F. Myers.		
J. N. Rendall, D. D.		
John F. Yoth.		
Benjamin T. Jones,		West Chester.
Thomas J. Aiken,		Chester city.
Algernon Marcellus,		Charlestown.
		Reeseville, Trinity.

Edward H. Robbins,		Media.
James Fraser,		Kennett Square.
John McColl,		Forks of Brandywine.
Thomas D. Jester,		Middletown.
William H. Miller,		Bryn Mawr.
William Boyd,		Fairview.
William P. Patterson,		Marple.
David R. Workman,		New London.
William C. Stull,		East Whiteland.
Calvin D. Wilson,		Penningtonville.
		Christiana.
William T. Kruse,		Wayne.
Joel S. Gilfillan,		Dilworthtown.
		Doe Run.
		Unionville.
		Ridley.
		Oxford, Second.
		Darby, First.

VI. Presbytery of Clarion.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
James S. Elder,		Clarion.
Thomas S. Leason,		Mt. Tabor.
		Mt. Pleasant.
		Mill Creek.
D. T. Carnahan.		
David W. Cassat,	James Pollock,	Perryville.
		Richmond.
T. J. Sherrard,		Brookville.

Ministers absent.

William McMichael.		
John Wray.		
Joseph Mateer, D. D.,		New Bethlehem.
		Leatherwood.
Levi Little.		
William H. Filson,		Beechwood.
Josiah McPherrin,		Emlenton.
James M. McCurdy,		West Millville.
		Licking.
		Oak Grove.
		Troy.
Theodore S. Negley,		Wilcox.
		Ridgway.
Frank P. Britt,		Pisgah.
		New Rehoboth.
		Greenville.
George W. Sloan.		

William J. Wilson,	Callensburg.
Samuel P. Dillon,	Concord.
James Hickling,	Tionesta.
	Tylersburg.
	Scotch Hill.
	Elkton.
	Oil City.
	Sligo.
	East Brady.
	Bethesda.
	Edenburg.
	Academia.
	Rockland.
	St. Petersburg.
	Foxburg.
	Perry.
	Worthville.
	Reynoldsville.
	Richardsville.
	Shiloh.
	Maysville.
	Greenwood.
	Unity.

VII. Presbytery of Erie.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Samuel J. M. Eaton, D. D.		
Thomas Fullerton, D. D.,	William Spencer,	Erie, Park.
William S. Fulton,	Col. D. S. Clark,	Erie, First.
David R. Kerr,		Mercer, Second.
William W. McKinney,		Conneautville.
Enoch I. Davies,		Pittsfield.
		Irvineton.
		Garland.
Leland M. Gilleland,	Moses Ross,	Tidioute.
J. Frank Stonecipher.		
William Elliott,		Sugar Creek.
Solon Cobb,	C. C. Shirk,	Erie, Central.
Orlando V. Stewart,		Greenville.
J. Logan Sample.		
J. Vance Stockton,		Mercer, First.

Ministers absent.

John V. Reynolds, D. D.	
Richard Craighead.	
George W. Cleaveland,	Harbor Creek.
Joseph Vance.	
John McMaster,	East Greene.
Oliver N. Chapin.	

William Grassie,	Cambridge.
	Gravel Run.
James F. Read, D. D.	
Huey Newell.	
David Waggoner,	Georgetown.
	Salem.
William A. Rankin.	
Francis V. Warren.	
Williamson S. Wright,	Westminster.
John H. Edwards.	
William R. Moore,	Girard.
Isaac W. McVitty.	
Richard B. Dilworth,	Union.
Thomas D. Logan,	Meadville, Second.
George W. Zahnizer.	
Leonard L. Radcliffe.	
T. Dickson Stewart,	Sugar Creek.
	Sugar Memorial.
	Sunville.
	Dempseytown.
Marcus Wishart,	Waterford.
Brainerd T. DeWitt,	Fairview.
Robert G. Williams,	Edenboro'.
Hezekiah Webster,	Belle Valley.
John N. MacGonigle,	Oil City, First.
William N. Sloan,	Corry.
Cyrus J. Hunter, D. D.,	North East.
J. Allen Maxwell,	Titusville.
James Dinsmore Kerr,	Erie, Chestnut Street.
Andrew W. Verner,	Utica.
	Mt. Pleasant.
	Waterloo.
James M. Stitt,	Fredonia.
	Cool Spring.
Thomas C. Anderson,	Harmansburg.
	Evansburg.
Edward P. Sprague,	Meadville, First.
Charles B. Wakefield,	Cochranton.
	Milledgeville.
William C. Beebe,	Wattsburg.
	Springfield.
John McCoy,	Franklin.
A. Thompson Wolff,	Hadley.
	Fairfield.
William M. Kain.	
	Concord.
	Kerr's Hill.
	Venango.
	Mill Village.
	Warren.
	Jamestown.

		Atlantic.
		Stoneboro.
		Cherry Tree.
		Beaver Dam.
		Greenfield.
		Pleasantville.
		Sandy Lake.

VIII. Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Samuel H. McDonald.		
Oliver O. McClean, D. D.,		Lewistown.
William Prideaux.		
William W. Woodend, D.D.,		Phillipsburg.
Robert Hamill, D. D.,	John Hamilton,	Spring Creek.
John C. Barr,	Samuel Hatfield,	Alexandria.
Joseph H. Mathers,		Logan's Valley.
Robert F. Wilson,	David Wilson,	Perryville.
David H. Barron, D. D.,	Crawford Irwin,	Hollidaysburg.
Samuel M. Moore, D. D.,		Tyrone.
Joseph Waugh.		
David W. Moore,		McVeytown.
George Chappell,		Little Valley.
D. K. Freeman,	S. J. Brown,	Huntingdon.
John C. Wilhelm,		Saxton.
		Yellow Creek.
		Waterside.
Joseph C. Kelley,	Samuel Wigton,	Spruce Creek.
Henry S. Butler,	John F. Weaver,	Clearfield.
William Laurie,	Edward C. Humes,	Bellefonte.
James J. Coale,	John A. Crawford,	Sinking Valley.
		Lower Spruce Creek.
Stephen W. Pomeroy,		Mt. Union.
		Shirleysburg.
John J. Francis,		Birmingham.
Andrew H. Parker,	Francis A. Means,	East Kishacoquillas.
Silas A. Davenport,		Middle Tuscarora.
Maxwell N. Cornelius,	M. C. Barclay,	Altoona, First.
J. Q. A. Fullerton,		Curwensville.
George Benaugh,	Edward T. Parker,	Mifflintown.
William Gemmill,		Buelah.
		Houtzdale.
Nelson H. Miller,		Osceola.
John C. Oliver,	J. L. Barton,	Lower Tuscarora.
J. Vernon Bell,		Penfield.
Charles M. Blake,	G. B. Hotchkin,	Morrisdale Mines.
	James G. McClure,	U. Tuscarora.
	Charles J. Mann,	Altoona, First.

Ministers Absent.

McKnight Williamson, ... Bethel.
William J. Gibson, D. D.
N. Grier White, ... Williamsburg.
Moses Floyd.
Robert S. Hitchcock.
James P. Hughes.
John W. White, ... James C. McNitt, . . . Milroy.
John McKean.
George K. Scott.
Richard Crittenden.
John S. Roberts, ... Martinsburg.
Levi Risher, ... Duncansville.
William M. Burchfield, ... Bellany.
Washington O. Wright, ... Milesburg.
Moshannon and Snow-Shoe.
Richard M. Campbell, ... West Kishacoquillas.
William C. Kuhn, ... Pine Grove.
Bald Eagle.
Buffalo Run.
Edward P. Foresman, ... Kylertown.
Bradford.
Woodland.
David H. Campbell, ... Fruit Hill.
Thomas McNinch, ... Shellsburg.
Mann's Choice.
John D. Owens, ... Orbisonia.
Shade Gap.
Herbert D. Cone, ... Bedford.
William K. Foster.
Everett.
Newton Hamilton.
Petersburg.
Lost Creek.
Sinking Creek.
Spring Mills.
Robertsdale.
Lick Run.
Hublersburg.
Peru.
Winterburn.
Mapleton.
Shaver's Creek.

IX. Presbytery of Kittanning.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Alex. Donaldson, D. D., ...		Elder's Ridge.
		West Lebanon.

George W. Mechlin, D. D.,		Glade Run.
David J. Irwin,	James M. Barclay,	Ebenezer.
Samuel W. Miller,	S. B. Mercer,	Saltsburg.
David H. Sloan,		Leechburg.
		Clinton.
Abraham T. Bell,		Washington.
Henry L. Mayers,	R. S. Slaymaker,	Kittanning.
		Appleby Manor.
Perrin Baker,		Crooked Creek.
James E. Leyda,	John A. Hall,	Worthington.
		West Glade Run.
	Dr. R. L. McCurdy,	Freeport.

Ministers absent.

Carl Moore.		
James Caldwell,		East Union.
Franklin Orr,		Jacksonville.
		Tunnelton.
		Mechanicsburg.
David Hall, D. D.,		Indiana.
Samuel A. Hughes,		Mahoning.
		Middle Creek.
John Orr.		
B. Shields Sloan.		
Hezekiah Magill,		Union.
		Midway.
J. Horner Kerr,		Rural Valley.
Samuel E. Elliott,		Apollo.
		Boiling Spring.
William F. Gibson.		
Lycurgus Mechlin,		Elderton.
		Currie's Run.
John Gourley,		Homer.
		Bethel.
Austin H. Jolly,		Marion.
Houston W. Lowry,		Parker City.
Julius Spencer,		Concord.
John C. McCracken,		Plumville.
		Centre.
		Cherry Run.
		Atwood.
		Harmony.
		Bethesda.
		Payne.
		Slate Lick.
		Srader's Grove.
		Mount Pleasant.
		Rockbridge.
		Freeport.
		Cherry Tree.

Smicksburg.
Brady's Bend.
Gilgal.

X. Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
N. Grier Parke,		Pittston.
Henry C. Westwood, D. D.,	Stephen Torrey,	Honesdale.
Jacob Best,		Brooklyn.
		Dimock.
Samuel C. Logan, D. D.,		Scranton.
Henry H. Welles.		
Henry H. Jessup, D. D.		
Charles S. Dunning, D. D,		Kingston.
John S. Stewart, D. D.,		Towanda.
Frank B. Hodge,		Wilkes-Barre.
Henry J. Crane,	N. P. Wilcox,	Nicholson.
William P. White,		Plymouth.
J. Ludlow Kendall,		Pleasant Mount.
		Uniondale.
Thomas R. Beeber,		Scranton, Second.
George W. Ely,		Wyoming.
William S. Steen.		
Richard B. Webster.		

Ministers absent.

Ebenezer H. Snowden.	
Edwin Br nson.	
Joseph Cory,	Dunmore.
Charles C. Corss.	
James B. McCreary.	
Henry Van Houton.	
George Saul.	
Albert R. Raymond.	
James Petrie,	Barclay.
Joseph O. Boswell.	
Samuel F. Colt, M. D.,	Laporte.
Elias O. Ward,	Bethany.
Joel Jewell,	Sylvania.
Darwin Cook,	Wyalusing, First.
	Herrick.
	Camptown.
Thomas Thomas,	Stevensville.
	Rushville.
Nathan Leighton.	
Alanson D. Barber.	
Joseph A. Rosseel,	New Milford.
Winfield S. Parsons.	
William Macnab.	

William C. Wunderlich,	Scranton, Ge man.
	Petersburg, German.
Alexander C. Smith,	Bennett.
James W. Raynor,	Franklin.
	Liberty.
Edward Kennedy.	
Andrew Brydie.	
James M. Phillips,	Abington.
Hallock Armstrong,	Wells and Columbia.
	North Wells.
	Ararat.
Daniel W. Marvin,	Gibson.
James M. Wilson, M. D.,	Little Meadows.
	Warren.
Phillip B. Cook, M. D.	
Raphael Kessler.	
Samuel Jessup.	
David Craft,	Wyalusing, Second.
G. F. Horton, M. D.,	Terrytown.
William B. Darrach.	
Arthur Folsom.	
Thomas Nichols,	West Pittston.
Thomas M. Cann.	
Peter H. Brooks,	Susquehanna Depot.
William J. Day,	Coalville.
Solomon C. McElroy,	Bowman's Creek.
	Lehman.
	North Moreland.
Stephen P. Gater,	Canton.
William H. Sawtelle,	Athens.
John P. Harsen,	Nanticoke.
John McMaster.	
Granville P. Sewall,	Troy.
Caleb H. Rodney,	Plains.
William H. Belden.	
Samuel L. Conde,	Tunkhannock.
William B. Waller,	Scranton, Green Ridge Avenue.
William H. Swift,	Wilkes-Barre, Memorial.
Reuben N. Ives,	Great Bend.
Arthur Johnson,	Shickshinny.
Howard Cornell,	Orwell.
	Rome.
John C. Calnon,	Silver Lake.
George E. Guild,	Providence.
Alexander C. Zenos,	Harmony.
Phaon S. Kohler,	Monroeton.
Alphonzo L. Benton,	Montrose.
Gustavus R. Alden,	Carbondale.
William I. Steans,	Scranton, Wasburne St.

		Hawley.
		Meshoppen.
		Covenant.
		Snowden Memorial.
		Prompton.
		Waymart.
		Dushore.
		Salem.
		Mehoopany.
		Sterling.
		Springville.
		Wysox.
		Scott.
		Archbald.
		Newton.
		Dundaff.
		Columbia × Roads.
		Lebanon.

XI. The Presbytery of Lehigh.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
George W. Smiley, D. D.,		Pottsville, Second.
Jacob Belville, D. D.,		Pottsville, First.
Cornelius Earle,		Catasauqua.
David Harbison,		Catasauqua, Bridge St.
William C. Cattell, D. D.		
Jacob Weidman,		South Bethlehem.
Wallace Radcliffe, D. D.,	James F. Smith,	Reading, First.
Samuel H. McKown,		Upper Lehigh.
Jethro B. Woodward,		East Stroudsburg.
Ministers absent.		
Joseph McCool.		
James W. Wood,		Allentown.
Richard Walker.		
William W. McNair,		Audenreid.
Robert M. Wallace, D. D.,		Stroudsburg.
David M. James,		Allen Township.
Andrew M. Lowry.		
Edsall Ferrier, D. D.,		Mauch Chunk.
James M. Salmon,		Bangor.
Alexander M. Woods,		Mahanoy City.
Alexander B. Jack,		Hazelton.
Alexander D. Moore,		Bethlehem.
James A. Little,		Hokendauqua.
		Ferndale.
Frederick F. Kolb,		Shenandoah.
Charles E. Van Allen,		Middle Smithfield.
J. Bailie Adams,		Portland.
		Upper Mt. Bethel.

Joseph H. Doremus,	Summit Hill.
Homer S. Newcomb.	
Frank E. Miller,	Easton, First.
Benjamin C. Meeker,	Tamaqua.
Samuel W. Knipe,	Mountain.
John H. Brown,	Shawnee.
Selden J. Coffin.	
Robert B. Youngman.	
Augustus A. Bloomberg.	
William R. Templeton,	Reading, Washington St.
A. Russell Stevenson,	Easton, Brainerd.
John F. Sheppard,	South Easton.
	White Haven.
	Port Carbon.
	Lock Ridge.
	Beaver Meadow.
	Conyngham Valley.
	Ashland.
	Lower Mt. Bethel.
	Eckley.
	Lehighton.
	Womelsdorf.
	Weatherly.
	Jeansville.
	Slatington.

XII. The Presbytery of Northumberland.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
John P. Hudson,		Linden.
Isaac Grier, D. D.,	Robert Foster,	Buffalo.
		New Berlin.
David J. Waller.		
Joseph Stevens, D. D.,		Jersey Shore.
David Kennedy,		Watsontown.
	R. V. Glover,	Hartleton.
Stuart Mitchell, D. D.,	C. G. Barclay,	Bloomsbnrg.
Joseph Nesbitt, D. D.,	Charles Corss,	Great Island.
James D. Reardon.		
Henry G. Finney,	J. K. Murray,	Chillisquaque.
		Moorsburg.
L. L. Haughawout,		Bald Eagle and Nittany.
Robert L. Stewart,	S. S. Shultz, M. D.,	Mahoning.
Martin L. Ross.		
Samuel T. Thompson,		Shiloh.
Alexander Henry,		Lycoming.
Luther M. Kumler,		Berwick.

Ministers absent.

William Sterling.

David Hull.		
Samuel H. Reid.		
Abraham T. Young.		
John Johnson.		
Philander Camp,		Lycoming Centre.
John Caldwell,		Elysburg.
		Shamokin.
		Centralia.
Philip W. Melick.		
James Dickson,		Pennsdale.
Horatio W. Brown,		Williamsport, Second.
John Burrows,		Williamsport, Third.
Josephine D. Krum, D. D.,		Lewisburg.
Nathaniel Spear.		
Alvin C. Campbell.		
Stephen A. Califf,		Mt. Zion.
Samuel E. Webster,		Williamsport, First.
James W. Boal,		Washington.
Lyman D. Calkins.		
Charles K. Canfield,		Orangeville.
		Rohrsburg.
John B. Grier,		Grove.
D. J. Waller, Jr.		
Nicholas F. Stahl,		Muncy.
Asbury C. Clarke,		Shamokin, First.
John D. Cook,		Renovo, First.
S. Henry Bell,	William C. Lawson,	Milton.
		Emporium.
		Northumberland, First.
		Warrior Run.
		McEwensville.
		Beech Creek.
		Montoursville.
		Mifflinburg.
		Washingtonville.
		Derry.
		Raven Creek.
		Montgomery.
		Holland Run.
		New Columbia.
		Briar Creek.
		Sunbury.

XIII. Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Wm. W. Blackwood, D. D.,	J. F. Gayley,	Ninth.
William P. Breed, D. D.,	George Junkin,	West Spruce.
John W. Dulles, D. D.		
Richard H. Allen, D. D.		

Willard M. Rice, D. D.
Robert M. Patterson, D. D.
John C. Thompson, ... Faith Chapel.
Charles A. Dickey, D. D., ... Calvary.
John S. MacIntosh, D. D., ... Second.
Samuel W. Dana, ... Walnut Street.
William M. Dorland.
William Hutton, ... Greenwich Street.
James Robinson, ... Fourth.

Ministers absent.

Alexander Heberton.
Robert Adair.
Charles Brown.
D. H. Emerson, D. D.
David Malin, D. D.
William W. Latta.
James Boggs.
Alfred Nevin, D. D.
William E. Schenck, D. D.
Hugh S. Dickson, D. D.
Daniel March, D. D.
George Morton.
Andrew Culver, ... Grace.
John McLeod, ... South-Western.
Edward B. Bruen, ... Atonement.
James M. Crowell, D. D., ... Woodland.
Samuel W. Crittenden.
John B. McCorkell, ... Union.
Charles H. Ewing.
Silian Bonhomme.
Anderson O. Forbes.
Henry C. McCook, D. D , ... Tabernacle.
John B. Reeve, D. D., ... Lombard St. Central.
James B. Dunn, D. D.
John M. P. Otts, D. D.
John DeWitt, D. D.
William M. Baker, D. D.
James R. Miller, D. D.
Hugh O. Gibbons, D. D., . Rudolph M. Shick, . . Third.
L. VanWart Schenck, ... Mariners.
Lawrence M. Colfelt, ... First.
William N. Ritchie, ... Westminster.
Gerard F. Dale.
Frederick W. March.
August W. Williams, ... Wharton Street.
Brown H. Emerson.
William F. Garrett.
J. Gray Bolton, ... Hope Chapel.
John McCahan.

Willis B. Skillman, ... Tabor.
Joseph F. Dripps, ... Clinton Street.
Southwark, First.
African, First.
Scots.
Bethany.

XIV. Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Daniel W. Poor, D. D.		
A. V. C. Schenck, D. D.		
Francis Hendricks.		
George W. Cox.		
Benjamin L. Agnew, D. D.,	Dr. W. A. Piper,	North.
Sam'l A. Mutchmore, D.D.,	Wm. W. Wallace,	Memorial.
Alexander Scott.		
J. Addison Henry, D. D.,	John A. Linn,	Princeton.
William Greenough,	Robert Scott,	Cohocsink.
Loyal Y. Graham,	H. R. Raiguel,	Olivet.
Matthew Newkirk, D. D.,		Bethlehem.
John S. Sands,	Theodore W. Baker,	Arch Street.
George H. S. Campbell,		Richmond.
William C. Rommel,		Gaston.
Andrew Lees,		Trinity.
W. Dayton Roberts,	A. D. Way,	Temple.
William V. Louderbough,	John B. Stevenson,	North Liberties.

Ministers absent.

Thomas L. Janeway, D. D.
E. H. Nevin, D. D.
James Clark.
Benjamin B. Parsons.
William R. Work.
Leeds K. Berridge.
Thomas J. Shepperd, D. D.
Charles E. Ford.
Charles F. Diver.
George F. Wiswell, D. D., ... Green Hill.
John Lyon.
Robert D. Harper, D. D., W. A. Solomon, ... North Broad Street.
William O. Johnstone, D. D., ... Kensington.
George W. Burroughs.
Andrew McElwain.
William T. Eva, D. D., ... Bethesda.
James G. Shinn.
Samuel Phillips.
Alphonso A. Willetts, D. D.
Edwin M. Long.
James H. Baird.

Alexander G. McCauley, ... York Street.
Joseph H. Kummer.
Edwin D. Newberry.
H. Augustus Smith, D. D.
J. Ford Sutton.
Francis L. Robbins, D. D., ... Oxford.
George Locker.
William H. Hodge, ... Columbia Avenue.
Charles F. Thomas.
John W. Bain, ... Alexander.
J. Hervey Beale, ... Kensington, First.
Henry D. Northrop, ... North Tenth Street.
John H. Munro, ... Central.
Joshua L. Russell, ... Spring Garden.
Edward P. Heberton.
J. Henry Sharpe, ... West Park.
James H. Marr, ... Cumberland Street.
James R. Campbell.
Clement C. Dickey, ... Sixty-third Street.
James M. Thompson, ... Mantua, Second.
Joseph S. Malone.
Walter Q. Scott, D. D.
Francis M. Baker.
John Richelsen, ... Corinthian Avenue.
Matthew Anderson, ... Berean.
Heinrich J. Weber, ... Carmel.
Jacob W. Losch, ... Zion.
Charles B. Grant, . . . Northminster.
Richard T. Jones, ... Susquehanna Avenue.
William S. Thompson, . . Thomas G. Gayley, . . . West Arch Street.
Logan Square.
Lehigh Avenue.
Northwestern.
Kenderton.

XV. Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
J. H. M. Knox, D. D., . .	Alexander Ralph, . . .	Bristol.
Samuel J. Millikin, ...		Ann Carmichael.
William E. Jones, D. D., ...		Neshaminy of War'k.
Joseph Beggs. D. D., ...		Falls of Schuylkill.
A. McElroy Wylie, ...		Newtown.
Henry F. Lee.		
William B. Noble, D. D., ...		Norristown, First.
N. S. McFetridge, D. D., .	W. H. Matthews, . . .	Wakefield.
Jacob B. Krewson, ...		Forestville.
William J. Chichester, . .	T. Charlton Henry, .	Germantown, First.
William A. Patton, ...		Doylestown.

R. Howard Bent, ... Edge Hill, Carmel.
Mahlon Long.

Ministers absent.

Jacob Helfenstein, D. D.
John W. Martin.
Samuel M. Gould.
William H. Adams.
Michael Burdett, ... Bensalem and Newport.
James R. Eckard, D. D.
Roger Owen, D. D., ... Chestnut Hill.
John L. Janeway, D. D.
Matthew Meigs.
Henry S. Rodenbaugh, ... Norriton and Providence.
John M. Hastings, D. D.
Samuel H. Higgins, D. D.
Yates Hickey.
Douglas K. Turner.
John Rutherford, ... Mount Airy.
William Ottinger.
Thomas Murphy, D. D., ... Frankford.
William Fulton, ... Conshohocken.
Joseph McAskie, ... Norristown, Central.
George R. Moore.
Bellville Roberts, ... Port Kennedy.
Francis R. S. Hunsicker, ... Carversville.
Plumstedville.
William E. Westervelt, ... Roxborough.
Samuel Harrison, M. D.
Martin L. Hofford, ... Morrisville.
John H. McGonagle.
Gershom H. Nimmo, ... Neshaminy of Warminster.
William A. Jenks.
Charles Collins, ... Jefferson Centennial.
Andrew A. Dinsmore, ... Bridesburg.
John H. Boggs, ... Hermon.
Edward P. Cowan, D. D., ... Germantown, Market Sq.
Henry T. Ford.
John W. Teal, ... Germantown, Second.
Leighton W. Eckard, ... Abington.
John Peacock, ... Holmesburg.
Henry F. Mason, ... Norristown, Second.
Charles E. Burns, ... Manayunk.
Abram W. Long, ... Merion Square.
James W. Kirk, ... Ashbourne.
Junius J. Cowles, ... Huntingdon Valley.
Archibald A. Murphy.
Halsey B. Stevenson, ... Pottstown.
Henry A. Mackubbin, ... Jenkintown, Grace.

Thompson Memorial.
Leverington.
McAllister Memorial.
Springfield.

XVI. Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Clement V. McKaig, D. D.		
Henry Kendall, D. D.		
Edward P. Crane,		California.
Thomas B. Van Eman.		
Samuel J. Wilson, D. D.		
Sylvester F. Scovel,	David Robinson,	Pittsburgh, First.
John M. Smith,	J. B. Haynes,	Cannonsburg.
John S. McConnell,		Lawrenceville.
H. M. MacCracken, D. D.		
John J. Beacom, D. D.,	J. H. McCabe,	Forest Grove.
John C. Irwin,		Wilkinsburg.
Philip S. Jennings,		Mount Washington.
		Pisgah.
Samuel J. Fisher,	E. A. Kitzmiller,	Swissvale.
William J. Holland,	J. B. Baldwin,	Pittsburgh, Bellefield.
William McKibbin,	J. F. Loy,	Pittsburgh, Second.
John M. Richmond,	William B. Negley,	Pittsburgh, Shady Side.
Matthew H. Bradley,		Chartiers.
Joseph E. Andrews,	Llewellyn Large,	West Elizabeth.
George W. Chalfant,	W. C. Stewart,	Pittsburgh, Park Avenue.
James M. McJunkin,		Oakdale.
	William G. Johnston,	Eas Liberty.

Ministers absent.

Samuel C. Jennings, D. D.
William Nesbitt.
William B. McIlvaine.
Richard Lea, D. D.
William W. Eells.
Samuel Caldwell.
Gilbert M. Hair.
Thomas C. Strong, D. D.
Abner O. Rockwell.
Obadiah H. Miller.
William G. Taylor, D. D., — Long Island.
John Douglass, D. D.
William Hanna.
William Ewing, — Miller's Run.
John F. Hill, — Bridgeville.
Bethany.
William H. Jeffers, D. D.
Samuel H. Kellogg, D. D.

George H. Webster,		Pittsburgh, South Side.
George P. Beard.		
Cornelius W. Wycoff,		Bethel.
Philander J. Cummings.		
William O. Campbell,	Ralston Williams,	Monongahela City.
Samuel A. Taggart.		
William Wilson.		
William F. Brown.		
Elijah R. Donahoo,		Pittsburgh, Eighth.
David K. Nesbitt,		Hazelwood.
Greer M. Kerr,		Raccoon.
William E. McCrea,		Homestead.
W. Scott Stites.		
Neville B. C. Comingo,		Mount Olive.
William A. Lynch,		Pittsburgh, Grace Memorial.
Henry F. McClelland,		Pittsburgh, Sixth.
Joseph M. Duff,		Mansfield.
Alexander B. Brown,		Cannonsburg, Centre.
James H. Nesbitt.		
Edward F. Walker,		Pittsburgh, Central.
Robert A. Hill,		Pittsburgh, Seventh.
John P. Hearst.		
Aaron M. Buchanan,		Hebron.
		Sharon.
		Pittsburgh, Third.
		Lebanon.
		Hopewell.
		Valley.
		Montours.
		Riverdale.
		Knoxville.
		Bloomfield.
		Mingo.
		Mount Carmel.
		North Branch.
		Fairview.
		Amity.

XVII. Presbytery of Redstone.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Spencer L. Finney,		Mt. Pleasant Re-union.
John M. Barnett.		
William P. Moore,		Long Run.
George N. Johnston,	H. Stewart,	McKeesport, First.
Alex. S. Milholland,	J. K. Ewing,	Uniontown.
Joseph H. Stevenson,		Tyrone.
	J. C. Farrar,	Scottdale.
Abraham B. Lowes,		Fayette City.

William G. Nevin,		Dunlap's Creek.
Robert T. Price,		Dunbar.
James D. Shanks,	J. L. Guffey,	Round Hill.
William F. Ewing,	W. B. Neil,	Mt. Pleasant.
A. Fulton Boyd,		Rehoboth.

Ministers absent.

Asabel Bronson, D. D.		
John W. Scott, D. D.		
Joel Stoneroad.		
John McClintock,		New Providence.
H. O. Rosborough,		George's Creek.
		Greensboro'.
Charles C. C. Duncan,		Somerset.
John C. Meloy,		West Newton.
Alexander B. Fields,		Brownsville.
Sylvester S. Bergen,		Laurel Hill.
Abiah A. Hough,		Pleasant Unity.
J. T. Crumrine.		
A. Z. McGogney,		McConnellsville.
		Fairchance.
Malachi C. Bailey,		McClellandtown.
		Tent.
Jacob Ruble.		
		Little Redstone.
		Sewickley.
		Jefferson.
		Jenner.
		Mt. Vernon.
		Mt. Washington.
		Spring Hill Furnace.
		Belle Vernon.

XVIII. Presbytery of Shenango.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
William M. Taylor,		Westfield.
Cyrus H. Dunlap,		New Castle, First.
John M. Mealy,		Neshannock.
M. Henry Calkins,		New Castle, Second.
Robert B. Love,		Hopewell.

Ministers absent.

John W. Johnston,		Hermon.
David C. Reed,		Unity.
Dunlap Moore, D. D.,		New Brighton.
George S. Rice,		Slippery Rock.
		Newport.
James D. Moorehead,		Beaver Falls.
Henry N. Potter,		Mt. Pleasant.

James P. Irwin, ... Pulaski.
Thomas M. Watson, ... Little Beaver.
David A. Newell, ... Sharpsville.
Clarksville.
Leesburgh.
Robert M. Davis, ... Richhill.
Wesley M. Hyde, ... West Middlesex.
John C. Chapman, ... Sharon, First.
Transfer.
Anthony A. Mealy, ... Petersburgh.
Enon.
Thomas B. Greenlee, ... Mahoning.
North Sewickley.

XIX. Presbytery of Washington.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
James I. Brownson, D. D.,	Thomas McKean, . . .	Washington, First.
Smith F. Grier, ...		New Cumberland.
James T. Fredericks, . . .	J. S. Patterson, ...	Burgettstown.
Henry Woods, D. D.		
James D. Moffat, D. D.		
Thomas R. Alexander, ...		Mt. Prospect.
D. A. Cunningham, D. D.,	Alexander Bone, . . .	Wheeling, First.
William H. Hunter, . . .	Jesse Mercer, ...	Mill Creek.
		Mt. Olivet.
John H. Sherrard, ...		Upper Ten Mile.
William H. Cooke, ...		Wheeling, Second.
James L. Leaper, ...		Claysville.

Ministers absent.

Joseph S. Pomeroy, ... Moundsville.
William H. Lester, ... West Alexander.
Laverty Grier, ... Forks of Wheeling.
John B. Graham, ... Cove.
John S. Marquis, ... Pigeon Creek.
James D. Walkinshaw, ... Wellsburgh.
James B. Stevenson.
James L. Reed, ... Lower Buffalo.
William F. Hamilton, D. D., ... Mt. Pleasant.
David L. Dickey.
William A. Mackey.
Ross Stevenson, D. D., ... Lower Ten Mile.
William H. Caughey, ... Cross Creek.
William Speer, D. D.
William I. Brugh, D. D., ... Three Springs.
Joseph E. Lyle, ... Wheeling, Third.
E. H. Jenkins.
Winfield E. Hill, ... Fairview.
Thomas F. Boyd.

Henry S. Childs.
James S. Fleming.
William W. Morton, ... Limestone.
Allen Grove.
Wolf Run.

James P. Lyle.
Alexander G. Eagleson, ... West Union.
John G. Cowden, ... Washington, Second.
R. S. Morton, ... Hookstown.
J. A. Donahey, ... Waynesburgh.
Cross Roads.
Bethlehem.
Unity.
Cameron.
William Donahey, . . . U. Buffalo.
Frankfort.
West Liberty.

XX. Presbytery of Wellsboro'.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Solomon H. Moon, ...		Elkland and Osceola.
Ministers absent.		
Elijah D. Wells.		
Elias S. Schenck, ...		Arnot.
J. Mills Gillette.		
Jacob D. Mitchell, D. D.		
Frederick Graves.		
William Baldwin, ...		Tioga.
Augustus C. Shaw, D. D., ...		Wellsboro'.
Augustus Cone, ...		Coudersport.
John L. Swain, ...		Allegany.
Clark B. Gillette, ...		Beecher's Island.
		Farmington.
Henry T. Scholl, ...		Lawrenceville.
George D. Meigs.		
George G. Barnes, ...		Kane.
William S. Carter, ...		Mansfield.
		Covington.
		Fall Brook.

XXI. Presbytery of West Virginia.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
J. Garland Hamner, D D., ...		Parkersburg, Calvary.
Ministers absent.		
Loyal Young, D. D., ...		Winfield.

	Point Pleasant.
	Pleasant Flats.
James H. Flanagan,	Grafton.
John B. Reed,	Fairmount.
	Mannington.
Samuel Graham,	Kingwood.
	Newburgh.
Henry G. Blayney,	Ravenswood.
Calvin C. Gould,	Sutton.
	Burnsville.
John B. Dickeye,	Morgantown.
	Sugar Grove.
Elias Browson, M. D.	
Lyman Whiting, D. D.,	Kanawha.
William O. Phillips,	French Creek.
	Centreville.
	Walkersville.
	Lebanon.
William E. Andrews.	
James D. Fitzgerald,	Clarksburg.
	Weston,
William A. Powell,	Parkersburg, First.
Andrew Virtue,	Spencer.
J. Loomis Gould, *in transitu.*	
John W. McFarland, *in transitu.*	
J. F. Curtis,	Listerville.
	Long Reach.
	Elizabeth.
	Grantsville.
	Arnoldsburg.
	Walton.
	Cranberry.
	Hughes River.
	Pennsboro'.
	Bethel.
	Gnatty Creek.
	Buckhannon.
	Glenville.

XXII. Presbytery of Western Africa.

Ministers absent.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
James M. Priest,		Greenville.
Edward W. Blyden, D. D.,		
Zachariah Kennedy,		Beadle Memoral.
		Marshall.
		Schiefflienville.
		Clay Ashland.
		Careysburgh.
		Brewersville.

XXIII. Presbytery of Westminster.

Ministers.	*Elders.*	*Churches.*
Thomas M. Crawford,		Pine Grove.
Calvin W. Stewart, D. D,	James R. Jackson,	Coleraine.
Joseph D. Smith,	Edgar Mobley,	Slateridge.
Henry E. Niles, D. D.,	David E. Small,	York.
D. M. Davenport,		Slateville.
John M. Galbreath,		Chestnut Level.
James Y. Mitchell, D. D.,		Lancaster.
William G. Cairnes,		Middle Octoraro.
William L. Ledwith,	W. S. Kennedy,	Bellevue.
John McElmoyle,	S. P. Sterrett,	Marietta.
R. Lorenzo Clark,		Centre.
John P. Barber,	Matthew Porter,	Monaghan.
Eber W. Gaylord,		Leacock.
James C. Hume.		
Cyrus B. Whitcomb.		
Charles L. Cooder,	Patton Galt,	Pequa.
J. B. Turner,		Little Britain.
Samuel A. Martin,		Christ Chapel.

Ministers absent.

Phillip J. Timlow.
John Leaman, M. D.
Joseph M. Rittenhouse.
Robert Gamble.
S. Morton Pearce.
Albert W. Hubbard.
William B. Browne.
Samuel Keneagy, M. D.
James McDougall, Jr.

William J. Hoar,		Cedar Grove.
George S. Bell,		Wrightsville.
Ezra S. Heany,		Strasburg.
		Mt. Nebo.
John J. Lane,		New Harmony.
H. Brown Scott,		Stewartstown.
John L. Landis.		
Elijah Wilson.		
William Travis.		
	James A. Patterson,	Donegal.
		Mt. Joy.
		Chanceford.
		Columbia.

The Rev. Samuel J. Wilson, D. D., LL. D., of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, was elected Moderator.

It was

Resolved, That the general rules for judicatories, as adopted by the General As-

sembly of 1871, and recommended to all the lower judicatories of the Church for adoption, be adopted for the government of this Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements proposed recommendations, which were adopted, as follows:

1. That the morning sessions of the Synod be from nine to twelve o'clock; that the first half hour of each morning session be devoted to devotional exercises; that the afternoon sessions be from half past two to five o'clock; that the evening sessions begin at half past seven o'clock and adjourn on motion.

2. That there be a communion service on Friday afternoon, from four to five o'clock.

3. That there be a meeting on Friday evening, in the interests of home and foreign missions, to be addressed by the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., Rev. J. C. Lowrie, D. D., and Rev. H. H. Jessup, D. D.

4. That the day sessions, after Thursday, be held in the Pine Street church.

The Rev. Robert M. Patterson, D. D., presented a series of resolutions concerning the appointment of committees and the permanent composition of the Synod.

Rev. William Y. Brown also offered a paper on the permanent composition of the Synod.

Pending the discussion of these papers, Synod took a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening.

At half past seven o'clock the Synod convened.

The discussion of the papers under consideration was resumed. Permission was given to the Rev. W. Y. Brown to withdraw his paper.

The following was then adopted:

Resolved, That the stated and permanent clerks of the four synods which were consolidated into this Synod be appointed a committee to prepare, and report to the Synod for its action, the standing rules of the body.

Resolved, That the following standing committees be provisionally raised for this session of the Synod, the members thereof to be appointed by the Moderator: On Bills and Overtures, to consist of nine members; Judicial Committee, nine; Home Missions, nine; Foreign Missions, nine; Education, nine; Publication, nine; Church Erection, nine; Ministerial Relief, nine; Freedmen, nine; Benevolence, nine; Narrative of the State of Religion, nine; Sabbath Schools, nine; Temperance, nine; Leave of Absence, five; Treasurers' Reports, five; Presbyterial Records, three each.

Resolved, That a special committee of two from each Presbytery, one minister and one elder, be appointed to consider and report upon the question of the permanent composition of the Synod.

Clerks were chosen, by acclamation, as follows:

Stated Clerk—The Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Permanent Clerk—The Rev. James Roberts, of the Presbytery of Chester.

Temporary Clerks—The Rev. John J. Francis, of the Presbytery of Huntingdon; the Rev. David H. Sloan, of the Presbytery of Kittanning; the Rev. R. Lorenzo Clark, of the Presbytery of Westminster; and the Rev. William J. Holland, of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

John H. Watt, Esq., of Philadelphia, was elected treasurer by acclamation.

The Rev. Charles Leaman, of the Synod of China, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A resolution in regard to the Reformed Church in Bohemia was presented.

The Rev. William C. Cattell, D. D., LL. D., by invitation, addressed the Synod on the subject.

After discussion, the resolution was amended, enlarged, and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod approve the recommendation of the General Alliance of the Reformed Churches, holding the Presbyterian system to extend aid to the venerable martyr Reformed Church of Bohemia, and cordially commend the object to the liberality of the churches within its bounds.

Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the pastors and sessions of this Synod to take up a collection in the several churches, on the second Sabbath of next January, or as soon thereafter as possible, in behalf of the work of Christ among the suffering brethren in Bohemia.

Resolved, 3. That collections for this purpose be sent, through the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, as *special*, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to send this action of Synod to the session of each church within the bounds of Synod one month before the time for this collection.

The Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., was appointed chairman of the committee on the standing rules of the Synod for the government of the Synod.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. Charles Leaman, from China, who has been invited to sit as a corresponding member of this body, be now presented formally to the Moderator, and that the attention of the committee on Rules of Synod be directed to this matter.

The Committee of Arrangements offered the following as an order of the day; which was adopted:

That the order of the day for to-morrow, at three, P. M., be to hear the Rev. Dr. Poor, in behalf of the Board of Education, and the Rev. Dr. Craven, in behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

At half past nine o'clock, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Alexander Donaldson.

FRIDAY MORNING, *October* 20, 1882.

Synod convened at nine o'clock, and spent the first half hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

It was ordered that all members who have arrived since the making up of the roll be directed to report the Stated Clerk for enrollment.

The Moderator announced the committees, as follows:

Bills and Overtures—Ministers, S. C. Logan, D. D., O. O. McClean, D. D., B. L. Agnew, D. D., W. W. Moorhead, J. H. Sherrard, Philip Mowry, D. D., and Solon Cobb. Elders, W. A. Solomon and W. B. Neal.

Judicial Committee—Ministers, J. A. Henry, D. D., J. S. McIntosh, D. D., J. A. Crawford, D. D., N. S. McFetridge, D. D., T. J. Sherrard, C. V. McKaig, D. D., and F. J. Collier. Elders, Alexander Bone and William G. Johnston.

Home Missions—Ministers, H. E. Niles, D. D., Alexander Henry, Jacob Weidman, S. F. Grier, George W. Mechlin, D. D., Samuel M. Moore, D. D., and D. T. Carnahan. Elders, D. S. Clark and J. L. Patterson.

Foreign Missions—Ministers, D. A. Cunningham, D. D., Robert Hamill, D. D., Orr Lawson, W. A. McCarrell, W. S. Fulton, J. S. McConnell, and N. Grier Parke. Elders, David Robinson and T. G. Gailey.

Education—Ministers, J. I. Brownson, D. D., W. C. Cattell, D. D., W. C. Burchard, J. A. Marshall, T. S. Leason, and O. V. Stewart. Elders, James Buyers, J. A. Crawford, and R. S. Slaymaker.

Publication—Ministers, S. J. M. Eaton, D. D., C. P. Wing, D. D., Thomas Fullerton, D. D., J. K. Andrews, T. R. Beeber, and H. G. Finney. Elders, Moses Ross, J. K. Murray, and S. B. Mercer.

Church Erection—Ministers, George Hill, D. D., W. M. Robinson, S. F. Scovel, J. L. Thompson, J. Vance, D. R. Kerr. Elders, Z. Lamborn, R. V. Glover, and J. B. Stevenson.

Ministerial Relief—Ministers, Stuart Mitchell, D. D., J. A. Murray, D. D., W. P. Moore, J. E. Andrews, J. P. Kennedy, and J. S. Sands. Elders, Alexander Ralph, J. F. Loy, and J. L. Guffey.

Freedmen—Ministers, J. M. Richmond, W. W. Woodend, D. D., W. H. Logan, J. T. Gibson, D. W. Moore, and D. W. Townsend. Elders F. Wyeth, Stephen Torrey, and W. W. Wallace.

Benevolence—Ministers, W. P. Breed, D. D., W. McKibben, William Hutton, S. J. Milliken, H. L. Mayers, and Robert F. Price. Elders, J. G. McClure and William Graydon, M. D.

Narrative of the State of Religion—Ministers, John M. Smith, W. Radcliff, D. D., A. V. C. Schenck, D. D., A. S. Milholland, and D. M. Davenport. Elders, C. B. Niesley, W. B. Essick, R. Williams, and A. D. Way.

Sabbath Schools—Ministers, Henry S. Butler, W. Y. Brown, J. H. Stevenson, S. W. Reigart, and W. G. Stewart. Elders, A. McPherrin, G. B. Hotchkin, R. Scott, and William Jones.

Temperance—Ministers, E. E. Swift, D. D., W. P. White, P. Baker, S. W. Pomeroy, and L. M. Gilleland. Elders, H. Riddle, James Grubb, John Cree, and S. Wigton.

Leave of Absence—Ministers, J. M. Shields, J. C. Kelly, and A. T. Bell. Elder, J. L. Barton.

Treasurer's Report—Elders, William Willis, E. C. Humes, E. A. Kitzmiller, and A. D. Harlan.

Composition of Synod.

Committee.	*Presbytery.*
Rev. R. M. Patterson, D. D., *Chairman*,	Philadelphia.
George Junkin,	do.
Rev. J. Allison, D. D.,	Allegheny.
S. P. Harbison,	do.
Rev. T. R. Ewing,	Blairsville.
D. W. Shryock,	do.
Rev. George W. Bean,	Butler.
Rev. E. Erskine, D. D.,	Carlisle.
John Bridges,	do.
Rev. William R. Bingham, D. D.,	Chester.
John A. Parke,	do.
Rev. J. S. Elder,	Clarion.
James Pollock,	do.
Rev. W. W. McKinney,	Erie.
William Spencer,	do.
Rev. D. H. Barron, D. D.,	Huntingdon.
John Hamilton,	do.

Rev. S. W. Miller, D. D., ... Kittanning.
R. L. McCurdy, ... do.
Rev. F. B. Hodge, ... Lackawanna.
G. F. Horton, M. D., ... do.
Rev. J. Belville, D. D., ... Lehigh.
J. F. Smith, ... do.
Rev. J. Nesbitt, D. D., ... Northumberland.
W. C. Lawson, ... do.
Rev. M. Newkirk, D. D., ... Phila., Central.
John A. Linn, ... do.
Rev. J. H. M. Knox, D. D., ... Phila., North.
T. C. Henry, ... do.
Rev. J. J. Beacom, D. D., ... Pittsburgh.
W. B. Negley, ... do.
Rev. A. B. Lowes, ... Redstone.
Rev. W. M. Taylor, ... Shenango.
Rev. D. W. Moffat, D. D., ... Washington.
Thomas McKean, ... do.
Rev. S. H. Moon, ... Wellsboro'.
Rev. J. G. Hamner, D. D., ... West Virginia.
Rev. C. W. Stewart, D. D., ... Westminister.
D. E. Small, ... do.

Records of Presbyteries.

Presbytery of Allegheny.—Ministers, John Kerr and Charles A. Wyeth. Elder, John F. Vanleer.

Presbytery of Blairsville.—Ministers, R. F. McClean and David W. Cassat. Elder, David Wilson.

Presbytery of Butler.—Ministers, B. F. Boyle and L. C. Rutter. Elder, J. F. Gailey.

Presbytery of Carlisle.—Ministers, Samuel Dickey and Nelson H. Miller. Elder, John C. Hunter.

Presbytery of Chester.—Ministers, Andrew H. Parker and W. G. McDannold. Elder, C. G. Barclay.

Presbytery of Clarion.—Ministers, William S. Van Cleve and S. A. Davenport. Elder, J. F. Weaver.

Presbytery of Erie.—Ministers, J. Q. A. Fullerton and Jacob Best. Elder, William McCrory.

Presbytery of Huntingdon.—Ministers, H. H. Welles and Samuel H. McCown. Elder, G. W. Proctor.

Presbytery of Kittanning.—Ministers, Joseph H. Mathers and M. L. Ross. Elder, William G. Reed.

Presbytery of Lackawanna.—Ministers, R. F. Wilson and S. H. Bell. Elder, A. D. Harlan.

Presbytery of Lehigh.—Ministers, John C. Barr and John C. Thompson. Elder, R. G. McCreary.

Presbytery of Northumberland.—Ministers, James H. Stewart and George Chappell. Elder, S. L. Shull.

Presbytery of Philadelphia.—Ministers, R. L. Stewart and W. D. Roberts. Elder, J. B. Rutherford.

Presbytery of Philadelphia, (Central.)—Ministers, L. L. Haughawout and J. W. Gilland. Elder, John Irvine.

Presbytery of Philadelphia, (North.)—Ministers, J. C. Irwin and George H. S. Campbell. Elder, H. R. Raiguel.

Presbytery of Pittsburgh.—Ministers, William A. West and John C. Wilhelm. Elder, F. A. Means.

Presbytery of Redstone.—Ministers, J. J. Cole and Thomas McCauley. Elder, E. C. Humes.

Presbytery of Shenango.—Ministers, James D. Shanks and T. B. Van Eman. Elder, L. Large.

Presbytery of Washington.—Ministers, William Greenough and William Gemmell. Elder, S. J. Brown.

Presbytery of Wellsboro'.—Ministers, John C. Oliver and Joseph Mahon. Elder, James C. McNitt.

Presbytery of West Virginia.—Ministers, T. J. Ferguson. Elder, H. D. Coler.

Presbytery of Westminster.—Ministers, E. P. Crane and Edward Webb. Elder, Samuel Liggett.

The roll of the Presbyteries was called in order that their records might be presented, and placed in the hands of the respective committees to which they have been assigned.

It was decided that the narratives on the state of religion from the Presbyteries to the Synod, and all regular papers for this body, be presented to the Synod, through the Stated Clerk.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the reports of the committees on the records of the Presbyteries.

The Rev. Henry E. Niles, D. D., presented a paper on temperance, which was discussed and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Rev. William Y. Brown presented a paper on the permanent

composition of the Synod, which was referred to the committee on that subject.

The Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod, through its chairman, asked and obtained leave to retire that they might consult together with reference to the matter committed to them.

The Rev. James F. Kennedy, D. D., was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and the Rev. Oliver O. McClean, D. D., was appointed in his place.

It was

Resolved, That the records of the former Synods now composing the Synod of Pennsylvania be deposited for safe keeping in the fire-proof building of the Presbyterian Historical Society, subject to the order of the Stated Clerk of Synod.

A misunderstanding having arisen as to meaning of the action of the Synod in regard to regular papers, it was

Resolved, That the phrase "regular papers," employed in the recent action disposing of papers, is to be construed as embracing only such papers as customarily come up to Synods, of which Presbyterial narratives and statistical reports are types.

The Rev. Sylvester F. Scovel presented a paper on temperance, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

For the communion service, this afternoon, the Committee of Arrangements presented the following, which was adopted:

The Committee of Arrangements recommend the following for the communion service:

That the Moderator preside, assisted in the distribution of the Elements by Rev. Alexander Donaldson, D. D., and Rev. O. O. McClean, D. D., with the following ruling elders: William C. Lawson, William G. Reed, John A. Parke, George Junkin, William Spencer, John A. Linn, Dr. W. A. Piper, and David Wilson.

An invitation was received from the Young Men's Christian Association, of Harrisburg, to visit their rooms and, if convenient, to attend their meetings, which was accepted with thanks.

The Stated Clerk presented papers in his hands, as follows: An overture from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh on vacant pulpits and unemployed ministers; an overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia (Central) on the same subject, and an overture from the Presbytery of Redstone on the better observance of the Sabbath. These papers were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

At twelve o'clock Synod took a recess until half past two, this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, *October* 20, 1882.

At half past two o'clock the Synod convened.

A resolution, with accompanying papers, on the permanent composition of the Synod was presented by the Rev. David W. Cassat, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The Rev. Nathan G. Parke proposed that Synod overture the General Assembly to take into consideration the propriety of meeting once in three years, instead of annually.

The subject was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A committee of three was appointed to take into consideration the salaries to be paid by the Synod to its stated and permanent clerks and treasurer, as follows: Rev. Willard M. Rice, D. D., Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, and Elder Robert B. Mowry, M. D.

The order of the day, viz: the presentation of the causes of church erection and of education, was taken up at three o'clock. The Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Church Erection, and the Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., secretary of the Board of Education, in behalf the intersts and claims of that board.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock, to hear the Rev. Richard H. Allen, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Board.

Synod took a recess of ten minutes, to enable the committee to arrange for the administration of the Lord's Supper.

After the recess, the Synod united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, in accordance with the arrangements adopted by the Synod.

At the close of the communion service, the Synod took a recess until half past seven o'clock this evening in the Market Square Church.

FRIDAY EVENING, *October* 20—7.30 o'clock.

The Synod convened in the Market Square church.

The report of the Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod was presented and accepted.

The order of the day was taken up, and Synod heard the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D., one of the corresponding secretaries of the Board of Home Missions, on behalf of the work and needs of that board.

The Rev. John C. Lowrie, D. D., one of the corresponding secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Henry H. Jes-

sup, D. D., of Beirut, Syria, addressed the Synod on the work and wants of the foreign mission field.

At the close of these addresses, the Synod adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Rev John W. Dulles, D. D.

SATURDAY MORNING, *October* 21, 1882.

The Synod met this morning at nine o'clock, and spent the first half hour in devotional exercises, after which the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The order of the day, viz: the hearing of the reports of Committees on Presbyterial Records, was postponed, in order to take up the report of the Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster asked that the records of that Presbytery be returned without any action of the Synod. The request was granted.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod was taken up, and, after its introduction by the chairman, it was decided that the report be acted upon *seriatim*.

The discussion was continued until eleven o'clock, the hour fixed for the presentation of the freedmen's cause.

The report of the Standing Committee on Freedmen was presented and accepted. The Rev. Richard H. Allen, D. D., and others, then addressed the Synod on the work and wants of the Freedmen's Board, after which the resolutions of the report were adopted.

The report is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Freedmen would respectfully report:—

There may be more popular trusts than the care and culture of the freedmen of the South. There is none that presents to Christian citizens more direct responsibilities, nor one which should appeal more powerfully to the sympathies of the Church.

Much of the missionary work of the Church is undertaken at long range. "Distance lends enchantment." A halo of glory seems to encircle the cause that is far away, so far that the difficulties are not visible, and only the bright side is seen. This cause appeals to us because the subjects are near. They are our fellow citizens, brought near in the providence of God and committed to us, that we may educate and elevate them into Christian citizens.

It was indeed glorious to strike the shackles from four millions of slaves and redeem them from their oppressed and degraded condition; how much more glorious to make them subjects of the Great Redemption, in obedience to the Divine command, "Go teach"—"disciple."

The rapid increase of the colored population should be noted. At the close of the war it was roughly estimated at four millions. Now at over six and a half millions. This indicates the growing importance of missions to, and efforts in behalf of, this people. Not only is the work thus enlarged, but there is also a growing demand for instruction. The young people of both sexes are becoming more and more desirous of being taught, hence the need of more teachers, preachers, and schools.

We congratulate the Freedmen's Committee on having obtained a charter, in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, and on taking its place with the sister boards of the Church, and we commend this new board and its work to the churches for their prayers and hearty co-operation.

The Synod of Pennsylvania is prominent on the list of synods in the matter of contributions to the work among the freedmen, being the second largest contributor.

The total amount contributed for freedmen by the Synod last year was $21,523.

There are, however, some non-contributing churches, and the contributions from many are small. The average amount contributed by the churches of the Synod to missions among the freedmen last year was only $23 00. The average per member was only sixteen cents. Only sixteen cents per member for this great and growing work which lies at our door, and which is so vitally important both to the Nation and to the Church of God! Surely this falls far short of our privilege and duty.

We recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we pledge our prayers and enlarged contributions from our churches for missionary work in behalf of this people, so long shut up in ignorance and oppression.

Resolved, 2. That we commend this cause to the children of our charges as well as to the older people, and recommend that the Sabbath School collections for December—the freedmen's month—be devoted to this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. RICHMOND,
Chairman.

A committee on assessments was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Willard M. Rice, D. D., the Rev. John J. Francis, and Elder David Robinson.

A committee of five was appointed, consisting of the Rev. William E. Jones, D. D., Rev. John M. Mealy, Rev. James T. Fredericks, and Elders W. A. Piper, M. D., and J. F. Loy, to consider and report as to the next place of meeting.

After changing the hour of meeting, for this afternoon, from half past two to two o'clock, Synod took recess until that hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, *October* 20—2 o'clock.

Synod convened and resumed the discussion of the report of the Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod. It was decided that the vote on this subject be taken at three o'clock this afternoon. At that hour the vote was taken, and the first item of the report was adopted by a vote of 148 to 95. The remaining items were adopted *viva voce*, and without debate. The report was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

The special committee appointed to consider the question of the permanent composition of the Synod respectfully reports:

(1.) The committee has determined to recommend that the Synod, with the consent of a majority of its Presbyteries, become a delegated body, in accordance with the power that has been constitutionally conferred upon it.

(2.) It has also agreed to recommend that the basis of representative apportionment be the combined number of ministers and churches in the Presbyteries, and that the ratio be a minister and ruling elder for every sixteen ministers and churches or fraction thereof.

This plan, if approved, will give the following number of delegates to the Presbyteries at the outset:

Allegheny,	10	Philadelphia, Central,	14
Blairsville,	8	Philadelphia, North,	14
Butler,	8	Pittsburgh,	16
Carlisle,	12	Redstone,	8
Chester,	12	Shenango,	6
Clarion,	8	Washington,	10
Erie,	14	Wellsboro',	4
Huntingdon,	16	West Virginia,	8
Kittanning,	10	West Africa,	2
Lackawanna,	20	Westminster,	10
Lehigh,	10		
Northumberland,	12	Total,	244
Philadelphia,	12		

In order to carry into effect this action, the committee recommend the following:

Resolved, (3.) That the following be, and the same is, hereby adopted by the Synod of Pennsylvania, and submitted to its Presbyteries for their approval, according to the form of Government, chapter eleven, section one, as amended in 1881: The Synod of Pennsylvania shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: Each Presbytery containing not more than sixteen ministers and churches combined shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than sixteen, and less than thirty-two ministers and churches, shall send two ministers and two elders; and in like proportion for every sixteen ministers and churches, or fraction thereof, in the Presbytery.

(4.) The commissioners to the Synod shall always be appointed by the Presbytery

from which they come at its last stated meeting immediately preceding the meeting of the Synod: *Provided*, That there be a sufficient interval between that time and the meeting of the Synod for the delegates to attend to their duty in due season, otherwise the Presbytery may make the appointment at any stated meeting, not more than seven months preceding the meeting of the Synod; and as much as possible to prevent all failure in the representation of the Presbyteries arising from unforseen accidents to those first appointed, it may be expedient for each Presbytery, in the room of each delegate, to appoint also an alternate delegate to supply his place in case of necessary absence.

(5.) Each commissioner, before his name shall be enrolled as a member of the Synod, shall produce from his Presbytery a commission, under the hand of the moderator and clerk, in the following, or like, form:

"The Presbytery of . . . . , being met at . . . , on the . . . day of . . . , doth hereby appoint . . . . . , minister, [or ruling elder, as the case may be,] or, in case of his absence, then . . . . . , minister, [or ruling elder, as the case may be,] to be a commissioner, on behalf of this Presbytery, to the next meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania, to meet at . . . . . , on the . . day of . . . , A. D. . . , or wherever the Synod may happen to sit, to consult, vote, and determine on all things, according to the principles and constitution of this Church, and the word of God. And of his diligence herein, he is to render an account at his return.

Signed by order of Presbytery.

. . . . . , *Moderator.*
. . . . . , *Clerk.*"

And the Presbytery shall make record of the appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. PATTERSON,
Chairman.

Resolved, That the first three items of the report of the Committee on the Permanent Composition of the Synod be sent down to the Presbyteries, and that they report their decision thereon to the next meeting of the Synod, as at present constituted.

The report of the Judicial Committee was presented.

Case No. 1 was adopted, and is as follows:

Case No 1.—The Judicial Committee would respectfully report Case No. 1, appeal of Homer H. Hewitt from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, confirming a sentence of suspension inflicted by the session of the church of Williamsburg. Being officially informed by representatives of the said Presbytery, that since the trial of Mr. Hewitt, new facts have come to light, tending to change the complexion of the case, and leading to the opinion that it should be re-opened and re-adjudicated, and Mr. Hewitt having expressed his willingness to withdraw his appeal for the purpose stated, your committee would recommend that Mr. Hewitt have leave to withdraw his appeal, and that the case be remanded to the Presbytery of Huntingdon for re-adjudication.

Case No. 2 was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Case No. 2, being the petition for redress of James R. Allison, against the Presbytery of Huntingdon. The petitioner avers that the session of West Kishacoquillas

neglected to investigate certain grave rumors, affecting his own standing, and the character of his pastor and others, and that he asked the Presbytery of Huntingdon three or four times to order a judicial investigation, which the Presbytery failed to do. He, therefore, asks the Synod of Pennsylvania to direct the Presbytery to order such an investigation. *Inasmuch* as it does not appear that the petitioner brought his own case for vindication before the session, and *inasmuch* as a judicial investigation in case of a minister is wholly within the power and judgment of a Presbytery, and it does not appear that this Presbytery chose to exercise its prerogative, your committee recommend that the petition be not granted.

Case No. 3.—Being a complaint of certain pew-holders, members, and stated worshippers of the church of Mount Joy against the Presbytery of Westminster, the Judicial Committee report, recommending that, in view of official information that the case has been amicably adjusted, the papers in relation thereto be returned.

With regard to the paper of the Rev. N. G. Parke, asking Synod to request the General Assembly to submit the question to the Presbyteries whether the constitution shall be amended, so as to permit the Assembly to meet once in three years, in view of the large territory covered by the new Synods, the committee recommend the following action: Inasmuch as all the results of the new organization of the Synods are yet to be learned, Synod does not deem it wise at this time to agitate the Presbyteries on this subject.

S. C. LOGAN,
Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the Judicial Committee was discharged.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was made the first order for this evening.

Synod took a recess until half past seven o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING, *October* 21—7½ o'clock.

Synod was called to order.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Redstone reported, recommending that the records be approved, with exceptions, as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Redstone recommend their approval as far as written, except the following:

1. On page 611, and in a number of other cases, there is the record of the appointment of "provisional pastors." The term "provisional pastor" is one not found in our book, and it does not appear from the record in what sense these "provisional pastors" were pastors of these churches. The records are defective, inasmuch as the term "provisional pastor" is not explained.

2. On page 612, there is an omission in the record which should be supplied in order to complete the record. It says: "The stated clerk was directed to forward a

copy of this report to all our pastors and sessions, to be read to the various, and also the following action," &c.

3. On page 610, and following pages, there is an incorrect record in regard to dates of the meetings of the Presbytery. 1882 is used for 1881.

4. On pages 620, 622, there are commissioners to the Presbytery enrolled among the members of Presbytery, as members of the Presbytery.

5. On pages 618 and 619, there is a record of a *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery, which is defective in that there is no record that the meeting of the Presbytery was regularly called.

6. On page 627, there is an obscure record in regard to churches paying and not paying for the services of pastors and stated supplies. The record is as follows: "See records." The record does not show which churches paid, and which did not.

7. On page 630, there is this obscure minute. "The committee of the records of . . . . recommend their approval, with remarks.

JAS. J. COALE,
E. C. HUMES.
Committee.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

On the recommendations of the committees to which they were assigned, the records of the following Presbyteries were approved, as far as written: Allegheny, Butler, Carlisle, Chester, Clarion, Erie, Huntingdon, Kittanning, Lackawanna, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Central, Philadelphia North, Pittsburgh, and Washington.

The committees on these records were discharged.

The records of the Presbytery of Westminster having been withdrawn by consent of the Synod, the committee to which they had been referred was also discharged.

Action on the records of the Presbytery of Blairsville was postponed until the next meeting of the Synod.

The order of the day, viz: The report of the standing Committee on Temperance, was taken up.

The report was presented by the chairman of the committee, and accepted.

After a protracted discussion, it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the Synod having first been led in prayer by the Rev. George Hill, D. D. It is as follows:

Whereas, A movement was commenced more than two years ago to secure an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania by which the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage would be prohibited:

And whereas, This effort is being renewed by increasing numbers with more resolute determination:

And whereas, It is eminently proper that at its first meeting this Synod should put itself on record with regard to this whole subject; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That Synod declares its emphatic condemnation of the liquor traffic, and feels humbled before God in view of its long-continued prevalence, and its varied and desolating effects in all parts of the land.

2. That we rejoice in the development of prohibition sentiments in Kansas, Iowa, and other portions of our country, and are in hearty sympathy with all judicious efforts to unite good citizens in securing the adoption of prohibitory amendments to the Constitutions of the several States.

3. That in our organized capacity as a Synod, representing twenty-three Presbyteries, eight hundred and seventy ministers, sixty-four licentiates, three thousand six hundred and twenty-two elders, nine hundred and twenty-nine churches, and one hundred and thirty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-one communicants, we respectfully petition and urge the Legislature of Pennsylvania to grant the people, by necessary legislative action, the privilege of voting on this question, unincumbered by any other issue.

4. That in order to the success of this movement, we are in favor of supporting men as candidates for our State Legislature who, if elected, will give their votes for such reference.

5. That as the reiterated claim has been made, by organized representatives of the liquor traffic, that all laws which forbid the sale of intoxicating drinks, and those which forbid this traffic on the Sabbath day, are sumptuary in their nature, and are an infringement on personal liberty, we take occasion to declare our conviction that sound principles of government require (our enemies themselves being judges) that personal liberty must be limited at injury to others, and since the moral interests of society are its supreme interests, the line of injury most carefully to be guarded by law is that which is defined by the moral precepts of Christianity. And Synod further declares, that there is no shadow of interference with a just personal liberty in such legislation, nor ground of complaint at its enforcement, because the moral precepts referred to have always been recognized as underlying the common law of Pennsylvania.

6. That we recommend that one day during the week of prayer be devoted to this subject, and that, as the Legislature convenes during that week, special prayer be made for the success of the movement in that body.

7. That we recognize, with gratitude and admiration, the noble influence exerted by "*Women's Christian Temperance Unions*," and kindred organizations for the promotion of this cause.

8. That it be recommended to pastors, not only to introduce this subject frequently in their pulpit ministrations, but, also and especially, to endeavor to interest the young, and pledge them to the principles of total abstinence. To this end, the formation of temperance societies, in permanent connection with our Sabbath-schools, is also recommended.

9. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, a committee on temperance be appointed in each of our Presbyteries, and that ministers and people be urged to forward to the treasurer of the Assembly's committee, D. M. Stiger, Esq., 58 Barclay street, New York city, such funds as they may be able to secure without a special collection.

10. That the Moderator, and Stated and Permanent Clerks be authorized to sign a

copy of the third resolution, in behalf of the Synod, and that the Stated Clerk be requested to present it to the Legislature.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurers of the late Synods, now consolidated into this Synod, presented a report; which was accepted, and is as follows:

HARRISBURG, PA., *October 20, 1882.*

To the Synod of Pennsylvania:

The undersigned committee appointed by the Synod to audit the accounts of the treasurers of the Synods of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Erie, would respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the accounts of Rev. S. J. Fisher, of the Synod of Pittsburgh, (which will be found herewith, marked "A,") and find the same correct, the balance in his hands being $188 53.

Also, the accounts of H. M. Graydon, of the Synod of Harrisburg, which we have found correct, the balance in his hands being $2 20.

No report has been received from the treasurers of either the Philadelphia or Erie Synods.

E. C. HUMES,
WILLIAM WILLIS,
E. A. KITZMILLER,
Committee.

It is proper to observe that, while the treasurers of the Synods of Philadelphia and Erie did not appear, the committee were informed that there was no balance in the hands of either.

E. C. HUMES,
Chairman.

It was

Resolved, That the balances from the treasurers of the former Synods of Pittsburgh and Harrisburg be credited on the assessments upon the Presbyteries formerly connected with these Synods, for the coming year.

The standing Committee on Education presented a report; which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA,
October —, 1882.

The brevity of time allotted to the preparation of this report allows only a glance at the more obvious facts and circumstances surrounding the cause of ministerial education within the bounds of this Synod, with a few suggestions concerning the duty to which it calls us. The large and increasing number of vacant churches in our body, and the rapidly enlarging demand for more laborers in the Gospel, alike in our land and in the vast domain of heathenism, taken in connection with an actual diminution of the number of candidates for the sacred office, and the still more appalling relative diminution, present questions of the deepest concern to the ministry and

eldership of the Church. Indeed, no true lover of our Zion can contemplate the existing state of things without humiliation and alarm. Viewed truly as among the saddest evidences of spiritual degeneracy, we should not fail to find in these related facts one of the most cogent reasons for renewed consecration to the Lord Jesus, with supplication for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. We, therefore, respectfully offer the following resolutions for adoption by the Synod, viz:

I. That never before has there been such an imperative demand for a thoroughly educated, as well as godly ministry, as that which is forced upon the Church by the subtle skepticism and pronounced wordly opposition of the times in which we live.

II. That there is the greatest reason to fear that the "Lord of the Harvest" has been offended with the unbelief of his ministers and people in relying unduly upon human methods for the supply of laborers in his vineyard instead of first, and most of all, praying to Him alike in the sanctuary and the closet to send them forth. As the ascended Redeemer gave not only "prophets and apostles" for the organization of His Church, but also "pastors and teachers" for the permanent "work of the ministry" and "edifying of the body of Christ," so He has never taught us to expect true and faithful ministers except those whom His grace calls and sanctifies, and that grace is promised only to importunate and believing prayer.

III. That it is still, as ever, the sacred duty of parents to exalt the ministerial office in the minds of their children both by word and example, and of ministers and elders to seek out suitable candidates for this office among the young men of the Church, instructing and encouraging them to devotion to this service, or at least to a prayerful consideration of the question of their call to it from the Lord. So *did* the fathers and mothers as well as the leaders in Israel of blessed generations past, and their fidelity was sealed from heaven. For the great lack of such faith and zeal now, it is to be feared that multitudes of the youth of the Church are encouraged into the paths of merely wordly wealth, ambition, and pleasure.

IV. That the amazing neglect of more than one half of the churches on the roll of the General Assembly to make any contribution to this cause during the last year, and the very small gifts of a large proportion of the contributing churches, cannot but suggest the painful inquiry whether there has not been a sad degree of indifference and delinquency on the part of ministers and sessions in not adequately bringing this great interest before the churches, and so giving them an opportunity to contribute to it.

V. That until some better way shall have been devised of helping young men into the ministry, who otherwise, for lack of means, must inevitably be kept out of it, it is the imperative obligation of the churches to enlarge their benefactions in this direction, unless they are prepared to face the alternative of a ministerial supply utterly inadequate to the wants of the Church and the world.

VI. That this Synod heartily encourage the Board in its present laudable efforts to restore its appropriations to candidates from the small sums which straitened resources had made necessary up to the former standard and even beyond it, in view of the present expensiveness of the higher education.

VII. That in view of the secularizing influences which surround so many of our institutions of learning, even some which were established mainly in the interest of the Church, and in view, also, of the multiplied temptations incident to a course of liberal education at the present time, it be urged upon all our churches and families

to make habitual and earnest prayer for the sanctification of our youth, and especially that they observe, with earnest faith and pleading, the day set apart by the General Assembly for prayer in behalf of schools, academies, colleges, and seminaries.

J. I. BROWNSON,
Chairman.

Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at nine o'clock. Closed with prayer by Elder George Junkin, Esq.

MONDAY MORNING, *October* 23, 1882.

The Synod convened this morning at nine o'clock, and spent the first half hour in devotional services, after which the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted, and is as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would state that no reports have come into their hands from the standing committees of the four Synods now consolidated into the Synod of Pennsylvania. Therefore, we can only make a brief and general report in regard to the interest taken in the work of foreign missions.

In the present bounds of the Synod of Pennsylvania, we have found, according to the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, that the whole amount contributed in 1881 by the churches, by the women's auxiliary mission societies, and by the Sabbath schools, was $110,325 47; in 1882, $110,616 46, being a gain of $290 99 for 1882.

The accounts of the treasurer of the board to the last General Assembly, for the year ending April 30, 1882, show a total expenditure of $591,639 88, against $592,289 68, total receipts; leaving a balance of $649 80. This general statement is a cause of thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, who enabled and inclined His people to devote this large sum to the grand work of sending the Gospel to the heathen nations.

The receipts from the various women's board and societies amounted to $178,180 27, a fact which shows a healthy and steady growth in this department of foreign missionary work. Since these women's auxiliary societies came into existence during the past twelve years, they have contributed *one million three hundred and eleven thousand dollars and sixty-three cents.*

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the *Foreign Missionary*, published by the Board, has been greatly improved in the way of giving important missionary information, and we feel that this valuable publication ought to be in the hands of all our Presbyterian families. Free copies of the *Foreign Missionary* are sent to six hundred and seventy-nine ministers within the bounds of the Synod of Pennsylvania. Subscribers of $10, which make a life membership, number two hundred and thirty-two; members in the Churches take one thousand eight hundred and seventy-

seven copies; regular subscribers of a *dollar* each, for the *Foreign Missionary*, number two hundred and eighty-eight.

These figures show the importance of a renewed effort on the part of pastors and ruling elders, to secure a larger circulation of the *Foreign Missionary* among their people.

The tokens of God's favor which have been enjoyed by our faithful and devoted missionaries in their various fields, and the marked ingatherings which have taken place, call for "gratitude, enlarged faith, renewed vigor, stronger petitions for richer blessings, and more generous giving on the part of the Churches."

As a Synod, we stand on a high position in regard to foreign missions. The outlook is a grand one. It is not saying too much, that we have in our bounds the very heart and back-bone of Presbyterianism. From the churches now embraced within the limits of this Synod, have come a very large number of our present foreign missionaries. The Theological Seminary, together with the colleges and ladies' seminaries within our bounds, have in the past educated many noble men and women, who have been, and are now in the foreign field, and shall we not pray that they continue in a hundred fold to send forth such streams of blessing?

While on this high tower of observation and looking over our wide field, were any to ask, with trembling joy, "*What of the night?*" We would reply, "The morning is coming, the fields are white to the harvest," and our prayer is:

"Oh! send
More reapers for white harvest fields,
More laborers for our Lord."

The touching and pathetic appeal comes to us across the seas, "Tell your people how fast we are dying, and ask them if they cannot send the Gospel a *little* faster?"

What we all need now—churches, and ministers, and institutions of learning—is a *fresh, glorious baptism of the Holy Spirit;* then shall we begin to comprehend the magnitude of the work before us, and have the heart and power to do it. Let the fire of the Spirit and the love of Christ enter into all our agencies, and the Church will soon come with a blessed harvest song upon her lips.

We shall need now in our consolidated Synod a more general diffusion of missionary intelligence; the missionary publications of our Board must be more generally read; foreign missions must be faithfully preached from the pulpit; systematic and proportionate giving must be insisted upon; "*all the tithes must be brought into the store-house.*" These things being secured, glorious results must follow.

In view of the opening fields before us, and the imperative cry which comes to us from perishing millions, we offer the following resolutions:

1. That pastors and sessions seek to inspire their people with a greater interest in *the monthly concert of prayer for the conversion of the world.*

2. As knowledge lies at the foundation of all intelligent effort, the pastors and sessions are urged to secure a more extensive circulation of missionary literature, especially the *Foreign Missionary, Women's Work for Women, and Children's Work for Children.*

3. As most gratifying and hopeful are the efforts and achievements of the different organizations throughout our Church which contemplate women's work for women;

as no recent movement of the Church has equaled this in practieal efficiency and Christian success, and as its influence upon the coming of Christ's kingdom is destined to be still more wonderful, we, therefore, urge that every encouragement be given to the women's auxiliary missionary societies, in their earnest and efficient work for the Master, in the spread of the everlasting Gospel.

DAVID A. CUNNINGHAM,
Chairman of Committee.

By consent of the Synod, the Rev. Calvin W. Stewart, D. D., as a member of a committee of the late Synod of Philadelphia on sustentation, read a paper on that subject; which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report; which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

No reports from the Presbyteries have come into the hands of the committee, and, hence, they can do little more than state a few facts and certain general principles.

It is easy to say, and even to prove, that in the Presbyterian Church in this land the grace of giving comes far short of the needs of the cause on the one hand, and of the ability and duty of the Church on the other. It is easy to say and to prove that should the members of the Presbyterian Church double, treble, quadruple the amount of their annual gifts to the cause of christian beneficence, they would still come short of their duty to themselves and to their blessed Master; far short of the needs of a perishing world.

At the same time, the fact that our Church of less than six hundred thousand members lays upon the altar of the Gospel an intelligent annual gift of nine and one fourth millions of dollars tells a tale of devotion which puzzles infidelity, gladdens faith, and gives assurance that the cause of Christ has a vital hold upon the hearts of His people.

It is gratifying to know that last year witnessed an increase in the aggregate amount of contributions to the various funds of the Church of over $125,000. There was also a considerable increase in the number of contributing churches; an increase of twenty-two hundred and sixteen in the number of collections taken.

At the same time, the Synod would fix attention upon the fact that while the whole number of collections called for in behalf of our eight great benevolent schemes is forty-six thousand and six hundred, the number actually taken was twenty-four thousand and two hundred, being a deficit of twenty-two thousand and four hundred. The possibility of a large reduction in the amount of this deficit is too obvious to need argument, and the call for such reduction too loud to need exhortation.

The Synod, therefore, direct the attention of pastors and sessions anew to this vital object, and would lay it upon their consciences to adopt, and diligently prosecute, all practicable means to secure—

1. An annual collection in every church for each one of our eight schemes of benevolent service.

2. Regular systematic participation of every church member in this grace of giving.

3. A liberal increase in the gifts of those who now have place in the ranks of contributors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. BREED,
Chairman.

The Rev. James I. Brownson, D. D., offered a paper on the proper observance of the Sabbath; which, after discussion, was postponed until after hearing the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The standing Committee on Publication presented a report; which was accepted.

The Rev. John W. Dulles, D. D., editorial secretary of the Board of Publication, addressed the Synod on that department of church work.

The report of the committee was discussed by others, after which it was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Board of Publication.

The Committee on the Board of Publication having met and discussed the matters pertaining to its interests, recommend the passage of the following resolutions, as expressive of the feeling of Synod:

Resolved, I. That Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of the Board, and thanks God for the good work it is so successfully carrying forward.

II. That Synod expresses its approval of the advanced step of the Board in the reduction of the prices of the lesson papers and periodicals for the use of our Sabbath schools, to the amount of twenty per cent., and in the increased economy in its operations by dispensing with several of its local agencies in the western States.

III. That recognizing the efforts of the Board in reducing the prices of its books, and recording with pleasure the fact that it is now in a condition to offer satisfactory inducements to buyers to purchase there, rather than at other places, yet that Synod is constrained to suggest to the Board the propriety of revising its list of books in the matter of variety, in that the fields of history and science in their bearing on the providence and works of God, affording an inviting opportunity for the instruction of the young, have been almost entirely neglected. (See overture of the Presbytery of Erie, minutes General Assembly, 1881.)

IV. That Synod recognizes the value of the missionary work of the Board as an important agency in building up the spiritual interests of the Church and educating souls for Christ, and earnestly commends this cause to the increased liberality of all our Churches.

V. That Synod urges upon all the Churches under its care the duty of using the lesson papers, periodicals, and books of the Board in their Sabbath schools, and its general literature for personal and family reading.

S. J. M. EATON,
Chairman.

The attention of the Synod having been called to a false report of its action on the subject of temperance, which had been published in the

morning papers of Harrisburg and other cities, and which grossly misrepresents the mind and action of the Synod, it was unanimously—

Resolved, That this Synod authorizes its Stated Clerk to correct the false statement made in the daily press of the State as to its action on the subject of temperance, and to say that the Synod, without reference to political organizations, but acting in the fear of God, and in the interest of our common humanity, passed the resolutions *unanimously*, and by a rising vote.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the overtures on vacant churches and unemployed ministers, and on sustentation.

The report was accepted, and it was decided to take up, and act upon, the items of the report *seriatim*.

Pending the consideration of this report, the hour of recess arrived. It was decided to meet this afternoon at two, instead of two and one half o'clock.

Synod took a recess until two o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *October* 23—2 o'clock.

Synod met, and resumed the discussion of the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The several parts of the paper before the Synod having been adopted, it was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

BILLS AND OVERTURES.

I. On Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures respectfully report, in response to overtures Nos. 1 and 2 from the Presbyteries of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia (Central) with reference to unemployed ministers and vacant churches within the bounds of the Synod, and the paper on sustentation presented to the Synod, and recommend the following action:

1. That the Presbyteries be requested at their first meeting, if it has not been done already, to appoint a committee on ministerial supply and support, to which shall be referred the whole subject of supplying their vacant churches. That these committees be directed to keep a list of such unemployed ministers, who may be helped to a settlement, as the Presbytery may place upon it; and that these lists, with the indorsement of the committee, be exchanged with the committees of the other Presbyteries of the Synod.

2. That the vacant churches and the unemployed ministers be instructed by their Presbyteries, that no supply shall be permitted in the vacant churches without the consent of the Presbytery, or of its committee, first obtained.

3. That under the action of the General Assembly, authorizing the creation and employment of a Home Mission Fund for Presbyterial uses, as interpreted by the Assembly at Springfield, in 1882, these committees of "supply and support" be author-

ized to secure such a fund from the Churches, and to determine, subject to order of Presbyteries, the amount to be given to their supplies as a supplement to the amount given by the church supplied, during the term of service preceding the minister's settlement.

4. In order to facilitate and regulate the transfer of unemployed ministers from one Presbytery to another, where their services may be needed, the Synod hereby appoints a Synodical Committee of Ministerial Supply and Support, to consist of the chairmen of the various Presbyterial committees on this subject, of which the Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be the chairman; which committee shall present, annually, a report to this body on the whole subject of vacant churches and unemployed ministers.

5. That this synodical committee be authorized to prepare and report at the next meeting of the Synod a plan, or plans, for the permanent establishment and administration of a synodical sustentation fund.

The answer of the committee to the overture from the Presbytery of Redstone, in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, was read, and, after being discussed, was referred, together with the paper on the same subject, presented by the Rev. Dr. Brownson, to the Rev. Dr. Logan and the Rev. Dr. Brownson, as a committee, to combine the two papers into one.

The committee on the place of the next meeting of the Synod offered a report; which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the place of the next meeting of the Synod recommend that Synod meet in the Second Church of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of October, 1883, at three o'clock, P. M., and that the following be a committee of arrangements: Revs. William McKibbin, S. F. Scovel, E. P. Cowan, D. D., W. J. Holland, J. M. Richmond, J. S. McConnell, E. E. Swift, D. D., I. N. Hays, John Fox, William M. Robinson, George W. Chalfant, with an elder from each of their churches, to be appointed by the Session.

W. E. JONES, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Salaries offered a report; which was adopted, and is as follows:

HARRISBURG, *October 23, 1882.*

The committee to recommend the amount of salaries to be paid to the officers of the Synod has considered the subject assigned it, and unanimously recommend as follows:

Stated Clerk,	$400 00
Permanent Clerk,	200 00
Treasurer,	50 00
	$650 00

The Committee on Assessments reported, recommending that the churches be assessed at the rate of six mills per member. The report was amended by directing the committee to increase the assessment, and to make the same at the rate of one cent per member. The report was then adopted as amended, and is as follows:

HARRISBURG, *October 23, 1882.*

The Committee on Assessments has attended to the matter assigned it, and presents the following report:

The amount to be provided for is as follows:

Salary of Stated Clerk,	$400 00
Salary of Permanent Clerk,	200 00
Salary of Treasurer,	50 00
Printing and distribution of minutes,	350 00
Miscellaneous expenditures,	150 00
	$1,150 00

To meet these expenditures, and provide a proper working balance, will require an assessment on each of the Presbyteries of *one cent per communicant.* The balance to the credit of the Presbyteries of the late Synod of Pittsburgh ($188 53) will reduce the assessment of those Presbyteries to three mills per communicant, and the balance of $2 20 to the credit of the Presbyteries that composed the late Synod of Harrisburg makes a slight reduction in the amount of their assessments. The Committee, therefore, unanimously recommends that the assessment be as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Communicants.	Assessments.
Allegheny,	5,634	$56 00
Blairsville,	5,238	16 00
Butler,	3,656	37 00
Carlisle,	6,390	64 00
Chester,	5,430	54 00
Clarion,	3,188	32 00
Erie,	7,497	75 00
Huntingdon,	9,395	94 00
Kittanning,	6,235	62 00
Lackawanna,	7,637	76 00
Lehigh,	4,967	50 00
Northumberland,	5,267	53 00
Philadelphia,	11,219	112 00
Philadelphia, (Central,)	12,465	125 00
Philadelphia, (North,)	6,735	67 00
Pittsburgh,	9,107	27 00
Redstone,	3,878	12 00
Shenango,	4,413	44 00
Washington,	6,456	19 00
Wellsboro',	807	8 00
West Virginia,	1,786	7 00
Westminster,	4,575	46 00
	131,975	$1,136 00
Balance to credit of Presbyteries of the old Synod of Pittsburgh,		188 53
Balance to credit of Presbyteries of the old Synod of Harrisburg,		2 20
		$1,326 72

W. M. RICE, *Chairman.*

The standing Committee on Home Missions presented a report; which was accepted.

The report was taken up *seriatim*, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions has been furnished with no documents by which to ascertain definitely the state of feeling among our Churches in regard to this great interest, or by which to institute any comparison of the results of last year with those of previous years.

The only official paper which has come to hand is from "*The Women's Committee on Home Missions*," appointed by the late Synod of Harrisburg. From that report, we obtain gratifying information of an increase of auxiliary societies in several of the Presbyteries, of some meetings of rare interest, and of marked cases of Christian liberality.

We have also received indirectly a request from the Secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee on Home Missions for the whole Church, requesting the appointment of a "*Woman's Synodical Committee*" within our bounds. In accordance with which, it is hereby recommended that the Synod appoint the following ladies to have charge of these interests within the several Presbyteries, who together shall constitute the Synodical Committee, viz:

Presbytery of Allegheny—Mrs. J. L. Fulton, Allegheny, Pa; Mrs. W. C. Burchard, Allegheny, Pa.; and Mrs. Julia Scott, Allegheny, Pa.

Presbyterry of Blairsville—Mrs. Dr. George Hill, Blairsville, Indiana county; Mrs. William Bakewell, Parnassus, Westmoreland county; Miss Hattie Young, 113 Centre avenue, Pittsburgh.

Presbytery of Butler—Mrs. W. J. McConkey, Wolf Creek, Mercer county; Mrs. J. H. Marshall, Hooker, Butler county; and Mrs. W. D. Brandon, Butler, Butler county.

Presbytery of Carlisle—Mrs. George Norcross, Carlisle, Cumberland county; Mrs. W. A. West, (Secretary,) Harrisburg; Mrs. C. L. Bailey, (Treasurer,) Harrisburg; and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Chambersburg.

Presbytery of Chester—Mrs. Thomas McCauley, Chester, Delaware county; Mrs. William McCullough, West Chester, Chester county; and Miss Mary S. Knowles, Glen Olden, Delaware county.

Presbytery of Clarion—Mrs. F. P. Britt, Corsica, Jefferson county; Miss Mary J. Stewart, Brookville, Jefferson county; Miss R. W. Porterfield, Emlenton, Venango county; and Mrs Negley, Wilcox.

Presbytery of Erie—Mrs. John Trunkey, Franklin, Venango county; Mrs. C. F. Webster, Girard, Erie county; Mrs. C. C. Shirk, Erie, Erie county; Mrs. D. B. Callender, Erie, Erie county; and Mrs. L. D. Wetmore, Warren.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—Mrs. William Dorris, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county; Mrs. John Bailey, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county; Mrs. S. M. Woodcock, Altoona, Blair county; Mrs. J. C. Barr, Alexandria, Huntingdon county; and Mrs. William Russell, Lewistown.

Presbytery of Kittanning—Mrs. D. J. Irwin, Ebenezer, Indiana county; Mrs. David Hall, Indiana, Indiana county; and Mrs. A. Donaldson, Elder's Ridge, Indiana county.

Presbytery of Lackawanna—Mrs. N. G. Parke, Pittston, Luzerne county; Mrs. John R. Fordham and Mrs. —— Wells, Wilkes-Barre.

Presbytery of Lehigh—Mrs. Edsall Ferrier, Easton; Mrs. R. M. Wallace, Stroudsburg; and Mrs. Theodore Garrison, Pottsville.

Presbytery of Northumberland—Mrs. Stuart Mitchell, Bloomsburg, Columbia county; Mrs. S. E. Webster, Williamsport, Lycoming county; Mrs. R. L. Stewart, Danville, Montour county; and Miss L. R. Perkins, Lock Haven, Clinton county.

Presbytery of Philadelphia—Mrs. McCune, Thirty-ninth street, south of Locust; Mrs. William Granger, Philadelphia; Mrs. Emma Grant; Mrs. Dr. McIntosh; and Mrs. Cresswell, (of Tenth church.)

Presbytery of Philadelphia Central—Mrs. Matthew Newkirk, 1020 Race street, Philadelphia; Mrs. Matthew Baird, 814 North Broad street; Mrs. Dr. Henry; Mrs. Dr. Mutchmore; and Miss Dickey, Capital avenue.

Presbytery of Philadelphia, North—Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Frankford; Mrs. J. H. M. Knox, Bristol; and Mrs. Teal, Germantown.

Presbytery of Pittsburgh—Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Pittsburgh; Mrs. William Frew, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Kate Plumer Bryan, Allegheny, Pa.; and Mrs. M. J. Dew, Pittsburgh.

Presbytery of Redstone—Mrs. Daniel Kaine, Uniontown, Fayette county; and Mrs. R. T. Price, Dunbar, Fayette county.

Presbytery of Shenango—Mrs. J. H. Crawford, New Castle; Mrs. G. S. Rice, Wampum, Lawrence county; and Miss Alice Bell, Sharon, Mercer county.

Presbytery of Washington—Miss Nancy Sherwood, Washington county; and Mrs. Dr. James I. Brownson, Washington.

Presbytery of Wellsboro'—Mrs. Henry Miner, Elkland, Tioga county; and Miss Fanny Dyer, Covington, Tioga county.

Presbytery of West Virginia—Miss Ella Young, Parkersburg, Wood county, West Virginia.

Presbytery of Westminster—Mrs. John H. Small, York, York county; Mrs. Robert Gamble, Woodbine, York county; and Mrs C. W. Stewart, Coleraine, Lancaster county.

It is also recommended that this Committee on Home Missions meet at Carlisle, in connection with the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Carlisle, at Carlisle, on the 8th and 9th days of November, proximo.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. NILES,
S. M. MOORE,
D. S. CLARK,
J. WEIDMAN, *Clerk.*
Committee.

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report; which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted, as follows:

Church Erection.

The Committee present for adoption, by the Synod, the following resolutions:

1. The Board of Church Erection is again commended to the confidence and sympathy of all the members of the Churches under our care, and the cause which the Board represents is earnestly recommended to their increased liberality.

2. The attention of Presbyteries and Sessions is called to the injunction of the last General Assembly, that they "adopt such methods as will bring before the Churches not now contributing to this powerful agency in extending and strengthening the great work of home missions, the claims of this Board of Church Erection, and lay them on the Church's heart," and the Synod hereby adds the weight of whatever authority it may possess to this injunction.

3. We earnestly beseech pastors and stated supplies to consider renewedly their responsibility to the Great Head of the Church in this matter, and request them to lay the claims of this cause before their people during the coming year.

GEORGE HILL,
Chairman.

The Committee on Standing Rules for the government of Synod, was excused from reporting at this meeting of the Synod, and continued until the meeting of 1883, in the city of Pittsburgh.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Synod for the sum of ten dollars, for the payment of the janitor fees during the present sessions.

The report of the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief to Synod of Pennsylvania, October, 1882.

From the figures given in the Minutes of the Assembly, we learn that the Synod of Pennsylvania contributed $18,913 during the last year, and we deduce an encouraging view of the interest felt by our Church, as a whole, in caring for her disabled ministers. The increase of the contributions of the whole Church to this cause during five years past, has been twenty-two and one half per cent., which is about twice as great as the percentage of increase in the sum total of contributions for all purposes, and nearly four times as great as that of communicants. The increase of funds available for the current work, including legacies and interest, has been for the last three years not less than eight per cent. annually.

This indicates that the sense of responsibility in this matter grows upon the Church. But there is still room for improvement. At a time when the difficulty of entering the ministry is increasing with the rising standard of education, the Church ought to give every assurance to her young men, that if they forego the attractive pursuit of wealth, and wear themselves out in her service, they and their families shall not be left to suffer either want or humiliation. The Church can afford to give more liberal assistance than its Board is at present allowed to distribute, and it should, if practicable, give it less as alms and more as earned or deserved.

In order to the desired improvement, we would suggest, 1, that there should be a full presentation of the subject to all our congregations, and a calling of ministers and Sessions to account in Presbytery if they fail to give their congregations an opportunity to contribute; 2, that in order to maintain the confidence of our ministers and people, there should be scrupulous fidelity on the part of Presbyteries and their Committees in making recommendations for aid; and 3, that in order to allay any fear lest ministers may be drawn into our Church by the mere prospect of a liberal provision for old age, there should, perhaps, be some change in the principles and methods of the Board's administration.

STUART MITCHELL,
Chairman of Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the overture from the Presbytery of Redstone, in regard to the Sabbath, with the paper of the Rev. Dr. Brownson, on the same subject, presented a report; which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on Sabbath Observance.

In response to the overtures of the Presbytery of Redstone, requesting that the Synod take action on the subject of the sanctification of the Sabbath, the committee recommend the following, viz:

In view of the continued and alarming desecration of the Lord's day in the two States of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and, also, in view of the historical fact as well as the unbroken chain of judicial decision in the older of these Commonwealths, that the Sabbath is an essential part of that general tolerant Christianity which has been ever regarded as included in the common law of Pennsylvania, as it has, also, been recognized in explicit statutes dating from the earliest days of the Colony, this Synod, embracing the whole territory of the two States before named, cannot withhold, at this time, a solemn protest against the corrupting tendencies which threaten the overthrow of this strong bulwark of our religious and civil liberties; therefore,

Resolved, I. That we appeal to the legislative, judicial, and executive authorities of these Commonwealths to maintain that system of governmental sanction and support which has hitherto been employed to secure the day of holy rest to our Christian people.

II. That we reaffirm the resolutions of the last General Assembly, as found on pages 85 and 86, which are as follows, viz:

Resolutions of the General Assembly of 1882.

1. The Assembly would affectionately admonish all our people to bear in mind that God has, by positive, moral, and perpetual law, designated one day in seven as sacred time; that He "hallowed" the Sabbath, "sanctified it," set it apart from common to sacred purposes. Hence to use it, or any part of it, for things inconsistent with it as sacred, is sinful.

2. The Assembly earnestly entreat all members and officers of our Churches to guard against real violations of the fourth commandment, by performing labor on the

Sabbath, under the claim of necessity or mercy, where such claim cannot be sustained by the word of God.

3. The Assembly would urge upon all under their care to devise liberal things for the dissemination of the principles of the Gospel, and sound views of the sacredness of the Sabbath among the German and other populations coming to our shores.

4. That the Assembly do hereby, in a special manner, enjoin it upon Church Sessions to watch over their brethren, with tenderness and great fidelity, in respect to the observance of the Sabbath, and to exercise wholesome discipline when necessary.

5. That we urge it upon our ministers, in the pulpit and in their pastoral labors, to present this subject in season, in all its serious importance as related to the welfare of the whole people and the glory of God.

6. That inasmuch as prominent among the forms of Sabbath desecration prevalent in our times are those to which many railroad and steamboat companies, and publishers of Sunday newspapers are addicted, the Assembly earnestly counsel all our people not to be, as owners, managers, or employees of such companies, or as shippers or passengers on the Sabbath, or as publishers or patrons of Sunday newspapers, partakers in the guilt of these flagrant forms of Sabbath breaking.

III. That Messrs. Thomas H. Robinson, Samuel C. Logan, J. Addison Henry, William R. Bingham, David H. Barron, and William J. Holland, ministers, and George Junkin, Jonathan R. Lowrie, James McCormick, James Park, William B. Negley, and D. W. Woods, be a Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance, to mature any further action proper to be taken by this Synod, and in the meantime to go forward, in the name of this body either singly or in co-operation with other ecclesiastical or voluntary bodies in any measures calculated to promote the observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, presented a report; which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Narrative.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of Pennsylvania, respectfully submit the following report, viz:

It has been the usual custom for the Committee on Narrative to be appointed the previous year, and as this could not be done under the present circumstances, we trust the Synod will not fail to appreciate the extreme difficulty in the task of preparing a suitable narrative on so short a notice, and with the imperfect opportunities afforded during the business of the Synod. Your committee have examined reports from eighteen Presbyteries, the substance of which we have collected and arranged as carefully and accurately as our limited time would permit. We are obliged to confess at the outset, that in some respects at least, the general tone of these narratives has been on the minor key, or the bass notes of the sackbut, rather than the dulcimer or the harp of joy or the high sounding cymbals of praise, yet there is nothing in them to give us any just cause to either repine or despond. The first item dwelt on in the most of the reports.

Family Religion.

In some cases much regret is expressed at the evidence of growing neglect of family religion. In the households of too many professing Christians the family altar is not maintained, the Bible is too seldom read, the catechism is not faithfully taught, family control is lax, and parents manifest an inclination to throw responsibilities upon the Church and Sabbath school which really belong to themselves. This is indeed a source of deep regret, for there is a sweet and irresistible influence clustering around the family altar which is felt no where else. The impressions made by the fervor of the morning and evening prayer, and the instructions of the home circle will often follow the recipients of them down to the latest period of life. It will be a sad day for the Church, indeed, if this hallowed custom and Christian duty should fall into neglect and disuse. But we are happy to find that in large numbers of our families the flame has not died out on the altar of daily sacrifice, and they are not exposed to the curse of the families that call not on the name of the Lord.

Public Service.

The attendance upon the public service of the sanctuary in the most of cases has been usually good, and in some localities in advance of previous years. Regrets are expressed at the falling off in attendance upon the second service, but a very general willingness has been apparent in the congregations to attend with interest and faithfulness upon the public ministrations of the word. Encouraging mention is made here and there of increasing attendance of the children, but in general the proportion is not such as could be desired, and the absence of the children and youth from the sanctuary, has been such as to raise the earnest and serious question, "What effectual measures can be taken to prevent it." In a speech before the Presbyterian Council, Hon. W. E. Dodge said he had been a superintendent for thirty years, but he was so impressed with the importance of having the children present in the sanctuary, that if he thought the Sabbath school was the cause of their absence, he would be willing to abandon Sabbath schools altogether. We do not believe that the cause lies necessarily there, but we are sure that no audience is so susceptive of hopeful religious impressions as one composed of children and youth. It is not the gnarled oak that a man sets out in his nursery, but the tender shoot that is full of life and youth and vigorous growth.

Prayer Meetings.

A matter of encouragement is the number reporting comparatively faithful and increased attendance in the prayer meetings. The figures range from as low as one fifteenth to as high as one half the membership, and where these devotional meetings have been well supported, the number of accessions from the world has been larger. Where mention is made of prayer meetings well sustained among the young people, it is with gratification and hope. But the sad truth has to be recorded, that many who have taken upon them the vows of God, are habitually neglecting these opportunities of communion with the Master, and turning away from the promise, "When two or three are met together in my name, then am I in the midst of them." It is a pointed question to the Church member, "Why should I not be more faithful to the

weekly prayer meeting;" but also a pertinent question to the pastor, "How can I make these services more sprightly and interesting, and what measures can I adopt to invite and induce a fuller attendance?" There are doubtless drones in the persons of Church members, but there may be drones of equal degree in the shape of prayer meetings.

Sabbath Schools.

The universal testimony is, that the Sabbath schools are flourishing and progressive. There may be such in our limits, but no mention is made of one languishing Sabbath school. Much, on the other hand, is said of great and gratifying advancement in this department. In some cases the children are taught to give entirely to the support of their school, while in many, if not most others, they are trained to be unselfish in devoting a part to home and foreign missions. Many of the schools of one Presbytery contributed to all the Boards, and thus educate their members from the beginning, in the habits of beneficence for the Gospel's sake. The light of hope shines like a starbeam on every page where mention is made of the Sabbath school, and a number of the Churches report their additions to the Church entirely from that source. God bless the superintendents and teachers, and give the truth entrance into the hearts of the scholars, and make that entrance light.

Beneficence.

Advancements too have been made in the scale of beneficence. Some of the Churches have raised liberal sums in building and improving Church edifices and liquidating debts, and mention is made of noble sacrifices that have been undergone in these efforts. For the most part, the contributions to the several Boards have exceeded those of last year, although much more is needed to keep pace with the increasing demands that result from the expansion of the work. Let us thank God for these cheery facts, and pray and seek for yet more faith in the promise, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, then shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

Temperance.

From all quarters the report comes to us of increased interest in the great subject of temperance. The Church, in common with the State, appears to have received a new impulse, and the sentiment mostly runs in the direction of prohibition. Like murder and theft, intemperance is felt to be an evil that must be restrained by wholesome laws as well as moral and religious influences. Temperance organizations are very generally at work, both male and female, and in some cases among the children of the Sabbath schools. If there is an evil that has its hand on the throat of the nation, it is this; and, perhaps, we are not going too far to say that one reason why God hides His face from the Church is her sinful apathy on this subject in the past. It is of but little use to talk temperance unless we act it out at the ballot-box, where we have an opportunity to strike at the liquor interest with weapons that will go to the heart and vitals of the enemy.

Missionary Societies.

Progress has been made in the ladies' missionary societies which ought to be a

subject of devout thankfulness. One report says: "All our Churches seem to be alive on the subject of missions The cry from the far West and from the benighted heathen has not come up to us unheard. Almost all our Churches report missionary societies. Some two, some three, and some as high as four. These have proved themselves powerful auxiliaries in the great work. The ladies of our several Churches have labored faithfully, with good and increasing results." But we must not prolong this report unduly. We pass to—

The Spiritual Condition.

On the spiritual condition of the Churches we have much that is in a minor key. The chief hindrances have been intemperance, Sabbath desecration, infidelity, sinful amusements, worldliness, and such like. These appear to have come in like a flood, and, as a result, few have come up to the solemn feasts, and few, comparatively, have been added to the Churches of such as "shall be saved." With the exception of the Presbytery of Erie, very few revivals are reported, only one here and there. Yet the most of the Churches have had more or less accessions to their membership. God's people have been quickened by special communications of the Holy Spirit, and in a few cases, at least, there have been encouraging signs of His gracious influence in the conversion of souls. In the phenomena of nature, it is when the tides have reached their lowest ebb they begin to rise, and swell and increase in volume until they roll upon the shores in all the fullness of their strength. Not far from this are the phenomena of God's dealings with His people. When Messiah was slain, and the tide-waters of the Church had run down so low that all seemed to be lost, it was the preparation of the disciples for a great result. In the upper-room they were sitting in obedience to their Master's word. Their minds were filled with anxious expectations, their hearts were heavy at the death of their Lord, and each was filled with deep anxiety for the coming of the Spirit. With one accord they were gathered there, but not without fervent prayer, and what a great answer it was when they received the promised boon of the Holy Ghost. It was not the mere breath of the Spirit. It was not the mere sound of the goings in the tops of the trees, but more like the rush of a mighty tempest that filled the whole house, and constrained so many as three thousand to confess their faith in Christ, and receive baptism at the apostles' hands. The very groanings and travailings of spirit which come up to us to-day from the Presbyteries and churches are the forerunners of grand results. If we can only get into the upper-room, as the disciples did, and with a kindred spirit, we will find that God is the same He ever was, and His covenant blessings are as full and as free as in the days of the past. He says: "I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do this thing for them." When Zion has once travailed in spirit; when God's people have once risen up to the fullness of vehemence and desire and agony of prayer, what then? Why then, "a nation shall be born in a day, the wilderness shall become a fruitful field, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH,
Chairman of Committee.

The standing Committee on Sabbath Schools presented a report;

which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted *seriatim*, and, as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Synod of Pennsylvania:

In the endeavor properly to present our Sabbath school work to the attention of the Synod, your committee regret that, owing to the peculiar circumstances of this meeting, they have not had before them the statistics gathered this year by the several Presbyterial committees. These must be reserved as the basis of a future report, and we simply call your attention, by way of introduction, to one or two facts culled from the minutes of the General Assembly, and from papers to which the committee has had access:

The Church membership of our Synod is, in round numbers, ... 132,000
The Sunday school membership, ... 148,000

Only sixteen thousand in excess.

Twelve Presbyteries of twenty-two, viz: Allegheny, Carlisle, Chester, Clarion, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Central, Philadelphia North, Pittsburgh, and Wellsboro' have more Sabbath school members than Church members; the remaining ten have less.

In one of our larger country Presbyteries, whose report has been before the committee, it appears that the Sunday school membership is one thousand less than the Church membership. This may be referable to inconvenience in attending the country schools on the part of all our families, but, so far as it is made up for by faithful attention to catechetical and other systematic religious instruction at home, we shall have less reason for regret. The report in question shows that in that Presbytery one half of the scholars attend church, that the catechism is taught in nine tenths of its schools, that all use the international series of lessons, that one third of them are under the direct control of Sessions, and that they contribute an average of fifteen dollars a year to our boards, and five dollars to other benevolent objects. A comparison of reports from all the Presbyteries would have yielded many points of interest calculated to encourage or to stimulate throughout the whole field.

In addition to its regular publishing work, our Board of Publication has organized an effective system for the promotion of Sunday school interests under the charge of a special committee, and with an Executive Secretary, Rev. J. A. Worden. This system includes—

I. The furnishing of *Lesson Helps* and periodical literature suited to the needs of teachers and scholars.

In this direction the work has been both satisfactory and successful. The helps furnished have been of a high order of excellence, which has secured their introduction into a large proportion of our schools, and has enabled them to a considerable extent to supplant the cheaper issues of irresponsible publishers. The demand for them has so far increased that the Board has adopted the suggestion of the General Assembly, so far as its lesson leaves are concerned, and has reduced the price of all of them, including that printed in the German language, so that the cost is but six cents per scholar for a year.

The paper for advanced scholars, called *Forward*, has been reduced in price; and to meet the demand for a cheaper paper for intermediate pupils, the *Morning Star*

will be issued after January 1, 1883, for one half a cent a copy. It may be remarked, in this connection, that the discount from catalogue prices for Sunday school books and supplies has been increased from twenty per cent. to twenty-five per cent.

We have reason to be greatly encouraged, as is the Board, by the consideration that so many of our schools and families are using the helps prepared by capable and pious servants of our own Church, at a cost but little, if any, larger than those of inferior excellence and doubtful orthodoxy.

II. A second work undertaken by this department of our Board is stimulating teachers to the attainment of a greater degree of efficiency.

This has been attempted by means of Institutes, in which the most-approved methods have been promulgated, and ideas exchanged for the general benefit; by the encouragement of normal or teachers' classes, and the publication of two excellent manuals by the Secretary for their use; and not least by the personal activity and enthusiasm of our earnest and efficient Sunday School Secretary, who, under God's blessing, has given a great and healthy impetus to a higher order of teaching and spiritual endeavor, which demands recognition and commendation at our hands.

III. A third object of the Sunday school department has been the establishment of the proper relation between the Sunday school and the Church.

Largely owing to its influence, as encouraged by our Church courts, a far greater proportion of our schools are controlled directly by the appointed officers of the Church, who are properly responsible that it shall be a safe and efficient nursery of the Church. The Church is to be congratulated upon a more healthy sentiment upon this point.

IV. A fourth aim of the Sunday school department is to secure the co-operation of the Church courts in—

1. Obtaining reliable and complete statistics that shall enable us to view the whole field, and see what we are doing, and that may furnish evident and important comparisons and conclusions, which shall contribute to a higher standard of work. This can only be done through general and hearty co-operation of the standing committees of the several Presbyteries.

2. In obtaining their hearty encouragement and influence for all wise and useful expedients, that they may exercise a beneficient influence to the widest extent, and upon the poorest and weakest of our schools.

So much for the work attempted through organized schools and in Presbyterian neighborhoods.

V. Missionary work.

One thousand schools have been visited and encouraged during the past year, and seventy-eight new ones organized in destitute neighborhoods. During the seven years of this special agency, on an average, ninety schools a year have been organized, bringing twenty thousand children under the influence of their Bible teaching.

Besides this, grants of Sunday school books and helps have been made in many directions to aid needy schools in their work, and the leaven of sound teaching has thus been widely diffused.

This work needs enlargement and calls loudly for the sympathy and the contributions of our well-to-do Sabbath schools.

In view of these representations, we submit the following recommendations for the adoption of the Synod.

Recommendations.

1. That all the Sabbath schools within the jurisdiction of the Synod be urged anew and persistently, to use the helps and books furnished by our Board of Publication.

2. That teacher's meetings shall be regularly held wherever possible, and that in them, normal class work be combined with the study of the lesson.

3. That Church sessions, who are responsible for the kind of work done in the Sabbath school and for the direction of it, shall assume their rightful control in their several churches, and, further, shall prevent the unnecessary diversion of contributions from our schools into unauthorized channels.

4. That all the Presbyteries of the Synod be recommended to appoint Sunday school committees, and that these shall co-operate with the Board in its statistical and general work, in holding district and Presbyterial Institutes so far as it may be practicable and profitable, and in securing due attention to this cause at the regular meetings of the Presbyteries.

5. That all of our schools be urged to contribute to the missionary Sunday school work of the Board.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

H. S. BUTLER,
Chairman.

Harrisburg, *October 21, 1882.*

Action on the records of the Presbytery of Blairsville was postponed until the next meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report; which was accepted, and the committee was discharged:

Leave of Absence.

For reasons deemed to be good and sufficient, your Committee have granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod to the following members, viz:

After 4 P. M., Friday.—Ministers, W. L. Ledwith, John McElmoyle, and John S. Sands.

After Friday night session.—Ministers, S. J. Fisher, T. B. Anderson, and William Prideaux. Elders, W. G. Johnston and Theodore W. Baker.

After Saturday noon.—Ministers, Thomas Johnson, W. C. Cattell, S. H. McKown, and Edward Webb.

After 4.20 P. M., Saturday.—Ministers, W. V. Louderbough, E. W. Gaylord, J. B. Rendall, J. C. Caldwell, S. S. Wylie, J. V. Bell, F. L. Senour, D. W. Moore, J. S. McIntosh, D. T. Carnahan, F. J. Collier, J. L. Leeper, E. P. Crane, Andrew Lees, J. F. Kennedy, R. H. Bent, W. S. Van Cleve, George Elliott, G. H. S. Campbell, S. F. Scovel, S. H. Moon, M. N. Cornelius, R. Hamill, J. C. Kelly, Philip Mowry, W. Y. Brown, R. M. Patterson, and W. A. McCarrell. Elders, Henry Riddle, W. B. Neil, N. P. Wilcox, D. G. Duncan, E. A. Kitzmiller, R. B. Mowry, William McDermitt, John Fetter, John Bridges, J. B. Stevenson, John F. Vanleer, and B. F. Beatty.

After Saturday evening session.—Ministers, Henry Kendall, W. W. Ralston, J. I. Blackburn, E. S. Robinson, and Thomas Fullerton. Elders, J. A. Crawford, J. L. Barton, W. A. Piper, and E. Mobley.

After Monday noon.—Ministers, W. G. Stewart, J. K. Andrews, and G. W. Mechlin. Elder, R. L. McCurdy.

After 4.20 P. M., Monday.—Ministers,. S. A. Davenport, S. M. Moore, William Laurie, George Benaugh, J. H. Sherrard, D. W. Townsend, E. I. Davies, W. P. Breed, and R. B. Webster. Elder, George Junkin.

JAMES M. SHIELDS,
Chairman.

The following directions were given to the Stated Clerk in regard to the minutes:

1. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish two thousand copies of the minutes of the present Synod in such form that they can be bound with the minutes of the General Assembly, and that each minister and each Church Session in the Synod be supplied with a copy.

2. That ten copies of the minutes of Synod be furnished annually to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

3. That the action of the Synod upon the reports of the several committees be recorded thus: The report was accepted, and the resolutions recommended were adopted.

4. In reference to the reports of the standing committees on the various departments of Church work that it be left to the Stated Clerk to condense that part of each report preceding the resolutions or recommendations of the committeee, or to publish the entire report.

A resolution of thanks was adopted unanimously, and by a rising vote, as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to our excellent Moderator, Rev. S. J. Wilson, D. D., for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations; to the Committee of Arrangements for the manner in which they have discharged their laborious duties; to the Churches in which the Synod has held its sessions, for the use of their commodious Church buildings; to the pastors and members of the Presbyterian churches of Harrisburg and others for the Christian hospitality which they have extended to the members of Synod; to the citizens in general for all courtesies extended to the Synod; to the railroads which have made reductions of fares to the members of Synod; to the hotels for reductions of charges; and to the floral committees for their decorations of the Churches, and their gifts of flowers to the Moderators of Synod and to others.

The Presbyteries were directed to bring to the next meeting of Synod corrected rolls of elders and deacons, with addresses.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Second Presbyterian church of the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of October, 1883, in the afternoon, at three o'clock.

Closed with singing the hymn—

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Prayer by the Rev. William M. Robinson, and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

JAMES ROBERTS,
Permanent Clerk.

T. H. ROBINSON,
Stated Clerk.